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The Original Seven P. E. O.'s.

The P. E. O. Pleiades.

The frontispiece is a picture of the first seven P. E. O.'s as they appeared in photographs taken about the time they formed the Society. Reading this picture from the upper left-hand across the page the first is Hattie Briggs (Bosquet), the second, Alice Bird (Babb). In the center row, the left is Franc Roads (Elliott); the middle one, Mary Allen (Stafford); the third, Alice Coffin. In the lower row the left one is Ella Stewart, the right is Suella Pearson (Penfield).

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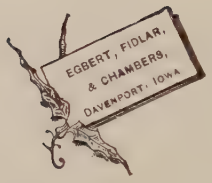
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The History Committee.

A Foreword.

This little book goes forth under the title, "The History of the P. E. O. Sisterhood;" but it is, rather, a compilation of biographies, autobiographies, and facts gathered with great painstaking from various but reliable P. E. O. sources.

The main object in collecting material for a history, at this time, is to reclaim from ultimate loss much reliable information, which even in the short space of thirty-four years since the organization of the sisterhood, was somewhat involved in a cloud of darkness and uncertainty, and also for the use of some professional historian of the future to treat the subject matter in a more philosophical manner. Meanwhile, we will modestly take refuge behind the statement of modern critics, who claim that the most reliable history is the essence of innumerable biographies.

In view of the fact that the establishment of the Sisterhood originated in the minds of a few young women at college, half in jest, half in earnest, the permanence and rapid growth of the Order appears phenomenal. But a larger view reveals the impelling force to have been character—that one source of the highest, purest, and most potent of influences.

That the founders of the Sisterhood possessed well-grounded Christian character has been fully attested by that open book—their every-day lives—and also by the wisdom of their well nigh prophetic choice of foundation principles, of object, and of emblem. Since the standards remain the same as in the early days of the organization, and since it is clear that faithful adherence to these foundation principles has obtained beneficial results far beyond the expectations of the most sanguine, may we not hopefully prophecy for the future achievements even more brilliant, conditioned on the same fidelity to the lessons taught by the star.

S. R. D.

Early P. E. O. History and Notes on the Original Seven.

BY MRS. ALICE BABB.

I wish it were possible for me to chronicle the number of appeals that have been presented to me during the last thirty years for items as to the formation of the P. E. O. Society. The why, when, and where of our organization are very easy to fill out, and yet when we approach the dignity of a genuine history, some weightier arguments should present themselves than the simple, modest ones I have always given. But I search in vain; for the cause of our existence is so natural that it is impossible to envelop our birth into the sisterhood of clubs with any mystery or unusual astrological disturbance.

In the first place, the time was ripe for the beginning of women's clubs. Margaret Fuller, not long before, had sounded the cry for an uprising of this kind, and not in vain, for it had been proved with women, as with men, that "In unity, there is strength;" that "Two heads are better than one;" and that "The whole is greater than any of its parts." So while we had other reasons for our organization, I still think that underlying these reasons forces were silently at work forming, suggesting, and impelling, just as underneath all great endeavors there is a power unseen, yet potent.

The surface reason for our existence is, that seven of us college girls had been together for three or four years, in study and in society, and we found the tie a strong one, unusually so. As our tastes ran in the same direction, our natures were congenial, and when the problem of separation confronted us, we felt that something must mark the era of our friendship—some token that might strengthen the bond, and reveal to others what a lovely friendship ours had been. It is impossible for any of us today to state definitely who suggested the forming of a secret society, but the proposition was made, and hastily made, that we identical seven be the nucleus of a sisterhood. Of course, at the time we little dreamed of the great outcome, and yet we were earnest, and even then desired something broad and substantial. We did not for one moment wish it to be a mere college fraternity, we wished a society of more lasting name and reputation.

The suggestion was made on the morning of January 21st, 1869. So anxious were we for immediate recognition that Alice Coffin told me that I must prepare a constitution, to be submitted to the other six, on the afternoon of the same day; which I gladly did, and which was at once adopted.

But to my story: It was suggested on the afternoon of that day in January, in the old music room of the Chapel of Iowa Wesleyan University, that the oath be read to me, and then I read it to the other six. Ella Stewart in earnest, sweet tones, read that oath for the first time in genuine work, and I was the first P. E. O. to assent to it. I forget to whom I read it first, but when each one had answered in turn, we immediately elected our officers, and went to work in real earnest. Somewhere, I doubt not, are the records of those first meetings; how I wish that they might be unearthed and presented to the serious consideration of some dignified P. E. O. convention. Our first meeting was at Mary Allen's, and at that meeting several new names were voted upon. The first P. E. O. after the seven, I think, was Mrs. Cassie Fink, of Des Moines. I was the first President, Ella Stewart, Secretary, and Hattie Briggs, Treasurer. The other officers I cannot recall.

Our first work was in a social way, and P. E. O. parties and sociables were all the rage. The formation of other Chapters was not at first such an end in view as the growth of our own Chapter, which we immediately called "Chapter A."

The P. E. O. minutes from 1869 to 1883 are conspicuous by their absence, and others besides the seven charter members must recall the events during these years. At graduation in 1869 we became scattered. Mary Allen was married in 1872, I think, Franc Roads in 1870, and for a long time Ella Stewart and I were the only ones of the seven in Mt. Pleasant. I was married in 1873, and during the next ten years my home cares were paramount to P. E. O. affairs. This is the reason why I can recall so little of that time.

Chapters were formed at intervals, a delegate or delegates from Chapter A going to form the new Chapters, which formation was simplicity itself. One of the first formed was at the Young Ladies Seminary then in Mt. Pleasant. There was also a Chapter of I. C.'s formed there at the same time, and so warm became the antagonism that the Preceptor, Dr. Beldin, compelled both societies to give him their pins, and he laid them to rest in the City Bank vaults for some weeks, until a more friendly feeling could be restored. In this seminary Chapter were Miss Effie Hoffman and Miss Emma Schwenker, both shining lights in the Sisterhood, Miss Hoffman becoming Mrs. Rogers.

In quick succession Chapters were formed in Jacksonville, Illinois, Bloomfield, Fairfield, Oskaloosa, Centerville, and Iowa City. I regret that the details of these years are lost, still nothing of special note transpired to the Sisterhood until the Grand Chapter was formed in 1883. The meeting was governed by the present constitution; social pleasures and literary efforts assisted the routine of business meetings. The convention in Bloomfield in 1882 was significant in the fact that it paved the way for the one at Fairfield in 1883, when the Grand Chapter was formed. Mrs. Nellie Ambler Campbell was very active and useful in its formation.

I am also expected to present a word picture of each of the original seven, which I will proceed to do, only I fear that the lapse of years will lend an enchantment to the picture which to some may not be practical.

Alice Coffin was of southern birth, a tall, fine appearing girl, and quick at repartee, swift to forgive and forget; she was like Dido, "Ambulat Regina," her dress was ever faultless, and she became every garment she wore. It was fitting for her to suggest no lower emblem than a star for our badge, and royally did it become her, wherever worn, whether in hair, or hat, or on shoulder. She was deprived of a mother's care when a little girl, and often have I heard her lament the great loss. To one of her impulsive temperament it was a priceless loss, but all the more did she deserve admiration for the way she overcame obstacles, unaided except for the higher help, to which she ever looked. After graduation she entered the ranks of the teachers, and was beloved wherever her instruction was felt. Her arduous work undermined her health, and she died in 1888 at the home of her sister, Mrs. Skiff, of Newton, Iowa.

Hattie Briggs-Bosquet was the opposite of Alice Coffin, calming troubled waters instead of battling against them, healing instead of suffering, emitting love and affection wherever known. She was a well built woman, neither tall nor short, of weight possibly one hundred and forty, large luminous eyes, and a constant, cheerful expression. She was born in Van Buren county in 1849, and died in 1877. She was married to Mr. Bosquet in 1873, and the note that he wrote me in response to my wish for dates is full of tender thought for sweet Hattie, and of ardent hopes for the future of P. E. O. Hattie left two boys, one dying an infant, the other, Cutts, a member of the regular army.

Ella Stewart was the member of the seven who proposed great things, and then entered heart and soul into their execution. She was Iowa-born, a Methodist preacher's daughter, and both from her nature and environment she learned to make the most of time and money; very executive, a thorough

Christian, and one in whom many did fondly confide. It is sad to think that so useful a life must be cut off in full bloom, but such it was, and when the sad procession left the church on the day of her burial, it was the P. E. O. Sisters who were among the chief mourners and who will ever grieve for the loss of so able a founder.

Mary Allen-Stafford is well known to most of the Sisterhood, still in active life—the wife of Rev. Charles Stafford, now of Muscatine, Iowa. Mary was a leader in social life while in college, and after, a thorough Christian, an ardent P. E. O., a faultless housekeeper, an ideal minister's wife. She is a fine appearing woman, with youthful eye and color, and we trust that she may live many years to grace the Order. She has three sons, Clarence, Ralph, and Reuben; one daughter, Eva, died when three years old.

Franc Roads-Elliott was the artistic member of our seven, and during a long, arduous life she has kept at her calling, winning golden opinions from her friends in Lincoln, Nebraska, Chicago, Aurora, and Salt Lake City, in which places she has taught painting and drawing. In college she was rather slight, short, and not heavy. Since then she has grown more stout. She was always merry, active, full of puns and witty retorts, ready at all times to give advice or affection when needed. She was married to Mr. Simon Elliott in 1870, and has two children, Charles and Stella. She has the dignity of being grandmother.

Suella Pearson-Penfield was the beauty of our seven. No one ever denied it, not even herself, and never did we see more unconscious beauty. She used it for the delight of others. Her wit and cheerfulness only heightened her natural beauty, and people who have seen her of late years attest to the fact that she is lovely still. No social event in college or town, while Suella was here, but she was the center. Her mother revelled in her daughter's loveliness, and helped develop a character as matchless as her face. After graduation she moved with her parents to Washington, D. C., where she married Mr. Penfield, a wealthy business man of Cleveland, Ohio.

Of myself I will only insert one item. I have been the only one of the seven who has resided at Mt. Pleasant — the only one who has been an active member for thirty-two years, consequently I can but feel a stronger attachment toward the Order than any other, and when I contemplate that I was the first to assent to the oath, I can but realize that P. E. O. constitutes much of my life.

Biographical Sketches.

The biography of Miss Alice Coffin is written by her uncle. The biographies of Mrs. Bosquet, Mrs. Penfield, and Miss Stewart are by Mrs. Alice Babb; those of Mrs. Babb, Mrs. Stafford, and Mrs. Elliott are written by Mrs. Lola Galer, of Mt. Pleasant.

HATTIE BRIGGS-BOSQUET.

Hattie Briggs was born October 10th, 1848, at Gray, Iowa. Graduated from the Iowa Wesleyan University, at Mt. Pleasant, in 1866, and married to Mr. Henry L. Bosquet, at Knoxville, Iowa, in 1873. She had two sons, Critts and Lyman, who died in his sixth year. Four years were all that were given to her of wedded life. She died in 1877, at Sigourney, Iowa. A brief paragraph has already been written of Hattie Briggs-Bosquet, and to write more is simply to repeat the tribute there. Her character was like those woodland streams in rural New England. Travelers do not appreciate their beauty or usefulness until they wander deep into the recesses of the country, and then they are struck by their rare loveliness, gliding modestly, unobtrusively, yet lending a rare charm to the entire landscape. So Hattie was never loud or boisterous, yet she was strong and firm when well known. Her face wore ever a sweet smile; I never recall a frown upon that face or angry words from her lips. She was, like Ella Stewart, a pioneer Methodist preacher's daughter. She had learned the value of industry and economy, but privations only strengthened a character so lovely. In college she was studious and quiet, never prominent by force, but somehow she was always in the front rank, and in social life she was ever sought for her exquisite charm in conversation and

Hattie Briggs-Bosquet.

grace of manner. She was conspicuously a Christian, her highest aim was to be known as such, and when she became the mother of two sons, her oft-repeated remark was the desire to be such a mother that her children should, above all else, wish to be followers of Christ. Her usefulness was cut short. Only seven years a P. E. O., then death came; but her example lives, and among the original seven Hattie Briggs is prominent.

SUELLA PEARSON-PENFIELD.

The early years of Suella Pearson were spent, I think, in Cleveland, Ohio. She was perhaps ten years old when her parents moved to Mt. Pleasant. Her father was a practicing homeopathic physician; the Pearson name soon became prominent in the social circles of the town; the mother, a lovely hostess herself, tasteful, graceful, and kind; the father dignified and cultured, while the two children, Will and Sue, were worthy of admiration and love. Sue was prominent from childhood in whatever adorned or beautified; always selected as "Goddess of Liberty" on patriotic occasions, or as Miss Christmas at holiday times. Her accomplishments and grace increased with the years; no one disputed or doubted her prominent place in every social function, and with all she was generous and kind. After her graduation at the Iowa Wesleyan University, in 1871, her parents moved to Washington, D. C., and to this day the Pearson name at Mt. Pleasant is referred to with pleasant recollections. Report of Sue's social success was wafted back to her former home; her later life, as a mature young lady, was full of pleasure and great success, as the world counts that word. She was married to Mr. Penfield in 1875, a wealthy and prominent citizen of Cleveland, Ohio, and while residing there two children were born, the girl still living, but in the spring of 1902 the young man, while undergoing an operation in a hospital in New York City, died. He was a

Suella Pearson-Penfield.

great athlete, and was just entering Yale College. The blow was the hardest Sue ever experienced, from which she has not rallied. It was always a matter of pride to her that her mother is a cousin to William McKinley. At present Sue resides in New York City.

ELLA STEWART.

Ella Stewart was born October 8th, 1848, in Pittsburg, Iowa, a little town two miles west of Keosauqua, on the Des Moines river. She was a daughter of Rev. I. I. and Mary R. Stewart, prominent in pioneer Methodist work. When a very young child she resided with her parents in Mt. Pleasant, but through the change of itinerant life she had a home in various towns. After her father's death, in 1864, her mother came to Mt. Pleasant to make a permanent home for her four children. Ella entered the Iowa Wesleyan University and attended school there for three years. She then taught instrumental music for some time in towns adjacent to Mt. Pleasant, and afterwards accepted a position in the Boys' Industrial School at Eldora. In this work she was very successful. She often remarked while there that missionary work was more needed at home than in lands beyond the seas. She intended to make this her life work, but too laborious work soon caused her health to be undermined. Upon returning home she found added disappointment and bereavements in the death of dear ones, and added cares placed upon her tired shoulders soon caused her gradual sickness, which ended only in death. A short description has already been given of her characteristics. She was industrious, vivacious, and faithful to every undertaking. Not one of the seven was more competent or cheerful. It seems to me, that words written from her own pen, and from the pens of dear friends at the time of her death would be the best exponents of her life and the estimate in which she was held, so I insert the following, which I wrote in the *Record* of December, 1895:

Ella Stewart.

"I have just returned from our beloved Sister Ella Stewart's funeral. She was buried in what we call an 'old cemetery,' one very near the town, where her father, one of Iowa's pioneer preachers, and brothers and sister lie sleeping. The distance being so short, Chapters A and S walked, following sadly and decorously the sable hearse and the mourning relatives. The day has been balmy and kind, one of those suggestive mild days which sometimes dawn in December, even in our vigorous climate—a day when heaven and earth are in tune; a day when the imagination needs no wings to discover that, in spirit, our dear sister hovered near us, as we silently laid the worn body to rest. Ah, such a tired, worn out body! Suffering the tortures of most excruciating pains for six weeks, until the face, always thin, seemed almost emaciated. Yet throughout the long illness she exhibited her accustomed fortitude and patience, kind to all, too thoughtful for her strength, and ever looking toward the hills 'whence cometh her help.' Mrs. Howard Snider, of Chapter A, was her almost constant companion, devoting her time unstintingly to her throughout those long weeks. Mrs. Mary Allen-Stafford, as usual, was present often, aiding in her cheery, sweet way, and many other P. E. O.'s. Three or four sisters prepared the grave so that what Lowell would call 'the primitive rock' was hidden, and the embrace of mother earth seemed more warm. I wish all the Sisterhood might have been at the church during the solemn service. I wish you could have heard the words uttered by the three ministers over your charter member. You could go about your tasks with braver hearts, and would, too, be proud that among the 'original seven' shone so bright a star. Mr. Stoddard spoke of her great helpfulness to all, of her unselfish life, of her going out in the community seeking the aged and infirm, talking, reading to them, preparing some appetizing food for the invalid. When he came to his parish here there was a lovely motto made for his reception, and on it the word, 'Welcome.' He found that was the work of 'Ella Stewart,' and upon all lips he found the name of 'Ella Stewart,' when work was to be done. Assistant superintendent of the Sunday-school—working always beyond her strength. Dr. Corkhill spoke of her sunny childhood, and what a ray of sunshine she ever was in her father's itinerant home. And what an efficient officer he found her to be in the Iowa Industrial Home, where she labored eight years, and resigned only through failing strength. And Dr. Stafford spoke of her college days; how pure and noble a character she had there, and always bubbling over with merriment and humor. And through it all Chapters A and S listened, but memory took Mary Allen-Stafford and I by the hand, and led us on one of

those sweet, sad journeys into the realm of long ago. Again we were in the old music room of the Iowa Wesleyan University, our young hearts enthusiastic over the organization we anticipated founding — none more so than Hattie Briggs, Allie Coffin, and Ella Stewart. Thank heaven those three stars are safe in God's firmament. No sin, no defilement ever entered their sweet, pure lives, and they have left a legacy any society could cherish with pride."

Mrs. Effie Hoffman-Rogers wrote the following, the next month, in the *Record:*

"In 1861 my father moved to Oskaloosa. Ella Stewart's father was then Presiding Elder of that district, and lived on a beautiful farm on the outskirts of the town. Between her father's family and my own there sprung up the strongest friendship. Nearly thirty-four years have I known her, and proven her worth as a friend and a woman. She was ever faithful, loyal, and true, one of the most intensely earnest Christians I ever knew. I remember upon one occasion, when a matter of great moment was being considered in the Grand Chapter, that she brought all her influence, all her power to bear upon certain members whom she considered were lacking in charity. Seated with her, and quietly discussing the matter before it was brought to vote, she said to me: 'It must be settled in a certain way.' 'Why?' said I. 'Because that is the only right way,' she replied. When the matter was put to vote, and the result was as she had wished for, I can never forget the look she gave me; and afterwards, grasping my hand, she said: 'Somehow things always come out right.'

"She had the most implicit faith in God and in His dealings with men of any one I ever knew. Ella Stewart's life was not one spent in ease and comfort. Her way did not, by any means, lead 'by still waters' and 'through green pastures.' She had her sorrows, many and deep, her disappointments, as we who knew her best were well aware."

And here are a few words Ella herself wrote:

"It is a matter of public knowledge that the I. C.'s had selected a few young ladies, and the golden arrow shone before the eyes of a few who knew they were not chosen for reasons that were no discredit to them. The new society of P. E. O. grew up then. The original seven have been often named, and are well known, but some others are nearly as early members, and are unknown. The first regular meeting after the one in the music hall of the seminary, where the organization was decided upon, was at the home of Mary Allen, and at her home the oath was taken. It seems a great pity that the minutes of those first meetings should be lost. Mrs. Babb was the first Presi-

dent, also the first one to receive the oath. The original seven—sacred number, received at its first meeting, the auspicious number, three members in addition, so the first order for pins embraced ten. The three first added were Cassie Allen, Emma Harbin, now Mrs. Scott, of Keokuk, and Ona Ambler, of Mt. Pleasant. The first determination of the seven to have no more was fortunately broken up, and the extension of P. E. O. was the result.

A short history of the organization of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, by Miss Ella Stewart, of Mt. Pleasant, one of the founders of the society, read by her at the Albia convention, October 13th, 1887:

One night in the latter part of the winter of 1869 the Betas had what they termed a "bum" at Hallowell's restaurant. These "bums" were the parties to which each Beta invited the young lady of his choice. As the guests arrived, some of the young ladies were noticed to have pinned immediately over the region of the heart a golden arrow engraved with the mystical letters "I. C." It was known to some of us that a young lady (Libbie Brook) from a neighboring state had a pin corresponding with these, and that it was a badge of a secret society having an existence in one of the Illinois colleges; it was also known that she had asked some of our college girls to become members of this same society, and then had quickly dropped the subject. You can imagine our feelings when several of the young ladies were ushered in, and with actions plainly said: "Stand aside; I am better than thou!" Now, these same young ladies were not particularly agreeable to the seven who afterwards became the charter members of this Society. So we gathered around the stove and decided to form an opposition society, as we well knew by the signs of the times that some of the first girls in college would never be asked to become I. C.'s from personal dislikes, and the rest of us would not join without them. Therefore we deemed it best to organize ourselves into a society of seven, whose residences and names before and after marriage were as follows: Mary Allen, now Stafford, Muscatine; Alice Bird, now Babb, Mt. Pleasant; Hattie Briggs, afterward Bosquet, now dead; Alice Coffin, Newton, Iowa; Suella Pearson, now Penfield, Cleveland, Ohio; Frane Roads, now Elliott, Lincoln, Nebraska, and Ella Stewart, Mt. Pleasant. While standing around the stove and eyeing the golden arrows askance, we decided when and where to meet to perfect the plans there so hastily and unexpectedly conceived. As stated in our constitution, an informal meeting was held in the music room of the college January 21st, 1869. There the name was chosen, and the original oath drawn up, and our badge, a golden star with the letters P. E. O. in black enamel across the face. Alice Coffin gave the

star. Our first regular meeting was at the home of one soon to be a sister, Mary Allen, at which we all took the oath. At first we thought to have only the first seven, but on further consideration changed our minds and increased our lucky number by the addition of three more — Cassie Allen, now Fink, Des Moines; Emma Harbin, now Scott, Keokuk, and Ona Ambler, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Now numbering ten, we sent for our pins. When the stars first shone forth in all their novel beauty of gold and black enamel great was the commotion in college and town, and many were the conjectures as to the real meaning of P. E. O. Some jokingly guessed "Pigs Eat Onions," others of a more classical turn of mind said "Pleiades et Orian," thinking it had reference to the constellation, as we chose a star as our ensign. Being now far in advance of the I. C.'s, we determined to remain so, both in quality and quantity. The Society increased, as we had concluded to go outside of the college, and by this time we were weighing the subject of extension, the results of which you partially see today. As our number increased the interest heightened, and I am sorry to say difference of opinion caused trouble to creep in; storms arose, hard feelings followed in their wake, but a steady hand at the helm brought order out of disorder, calming the troubled elements, and smooth sailing followed. It would be tiresome and almost impossible to follow the history of each sister of Chapter A, so I will just speak personally of the charter members.

Death has claimed one of the seven. Sister Hattie Bosquet died at her home in Pella, Iowa, June, 1878, exchanging a life of pure, sweet womanhood for the "mysterious life beyond," and we feel that she has gone to shine as the stars, forever and ever.

Hymen has played sad havoc with our little band, only two of us still "cling to the old landmarks" of single blessedness. Four of the six living charter members — Mrs. Babb, Mrs. Stafford, Mrs. Elliott, and Mrs. Penfield — no longer "tread life's dreary grounds alone," but are rowing boats with double oars, and if now and then a squall overtakes them it only strengthens their love and brings out the latent moral and spiritual strength of the true woman.

Alice Coffin has been teaching at Newton, educating the coming man to be a suitable companion for the coming P. E. O., perhaps. Now broken in health and spirits, she is visiting at my home. The reader finishes up the list of charter members.

Little did any of us think on that winter evening of the grand results so soon to follow, and could we but cast the horoscope of the P. E. O.'s, what visions we might see. Chapter after Chapter springing up as by magic, annual conventions, Grand Conclaves, and things too numerous to mention. When I think of the past, look at the present, and dream of the future, I am filled with hope, and "great expectations" lure me onward. And I trust that our little effort, like the ripples on the lake, will widen and extend until they shall touch that shore whose bounds we cannot see. Let us ever be proud of our beautiful star —

May we guard it with care, and may nothing e'er mar
Its bright rays.
Hold sacred our ensign, ever keep it in view.
To the oath and our pledge may we ever prove true
All our days.

MISS ALICE VIRGINIA COFFIN.

BY CHARLES H. THOMPSON, CHICAGO.

This one of the seven students at Mt. Pleasant University who originated the P. E. O. Sisterhood was the one who suggested and designed the emblem of the Order, the golden star. She was born in Louisville, Kentucky, March 28th, 1848. She passed her childhood days in Kentucky and Indiana, and her young womanhood and maturer years in Iowa, dying at Newton, Iowa, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Skiff, July 28th, 1888.

Miss Coffin came of distinguished ancestors on both sides. Her father, Matthew H. Coffin, was of Quaker extraction, descended in a straight line from Tristam Coffin, of historic Mayflower fame. He was a merchant, doing a large business. Her mother was the daughter of John H. Thompson, an officer in the war of 1812, one of the lawyers of prominence in early statehood days of Indiana, and who filled many important state offices. He was descended from Charles Thompson, secretary of the convention which framed the Declaration of Independence.

Alice's mother was a woman of literary attainments and wrote on topics of the day for newspapers and periodicals, her husband first being attracted to her by this display of her talents. Her's was a sunny temperament, sympathetic and adaptable. Such was the mother who gave birth to Alice and instilled into her offspring the cardinal principles of virtue, honesty, candor, com-

passion, and sincerity. Alice's love for that mother was beyond the power of words to express, and ever most unhappy was she when separated from her mother, even briefly. When at the tender age of nine years the cruel truth was forced upon her understanding that her mother had in reality gone from her forever, the sorrow that had entered her tender little heart was pitiful to behold.

Miss Alice Virginia Coffin.

For four years succeeding her mother's death her older sister, Mary, herself but a school girl entering her 'teens, assumed charge of her father's household, with a servant, the family being four in number, and administered the trust with skill and discretion. At the breaking out of the civil war Alice's father was called to serve his country, and he then placed his four children in school at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where they remained until Alice was graduated. Soon after this Mary was married to Mr. Skiff, and has ever since made her home at Newton, her home having then been Alice's. Alice devoted her life to teaching, and with a large measure of success taught in the grammar grades of the public schools of Chariton, Des Moines, and Newton.

Alice was blessed, like her mother, with largeness of heart, and was nobly generous with such means as she possessed. In her sixth year, while on a visit to her grandfather's home in Indianapolis, she showed her compassionate feeling many times by bringing in from the street stray, unkempt urchins, begging her mamma to give them something to eat or her own wearing apparel, and was ever ready to share with such whatever she had, playthings or what not. In three instances known to the writer in her life as a teacher she furnished funds from her own purse to properly apparel scholars proficient in their studies but whose parents were unable to furnish the outfits for examination or exhibition exercises, managing, too, to do this in so delicate a way as to avoid bringing a crimson tinge to the cheek of the innocent child. As a teacher she was not perfunctory in her duties, but put her heart in her labors, and was ever alert

to discover in her scholars some latent force which she would strive to develop into a trait giving evidence of future worth or usefulness. From the standpoint of justice, right, and duty she would reason out a position on any vital question, and once assumed from such premises she fearlessly battled for the right as she saw it. Neither policy, public clamor, or disapproval by the unthinking could change her position or soften her determination.

Alice Coffin was a Christian in every act and thought, and no more so on Sunday than any other day, though punctilious in discharge of her religious duties on that day. Her religion was the continuous, every-day kind. It was bright, pure, and more cheerful than sunshine, and she never seemed so happy as when she could greet little children in lowly by-ways with pleasant words. Her death was happy, as her life had served as a beautiful example. "With malice toward none, and charity for all," she resignedly entered into the darkness of the sepulchre. Her assurance of a sweet "home beyond the tide" was born of a comforting faith and a consciousness of an upright, pure, and well spent life. By her own wish she was buried just as the sun was setting. The language of the text in Isaiah, 33:17, fittingly applies to our beloved deceased: "Thine eyes shall behold the King in all his beauty: they shall see the land that is very far off."

A message from Miss Alice Coffin to the P. E. O. convention which met at Albia, October 12th, 13th, and 14th, 1887, read thus:

"*To the P. E. O. Convention, at Albia, Iowa:*

I greet you as true sisters; may you raise the standard of true womanhood, elevate the fallen, help the weak, give smiles, scatter rose blossoms, making light the burdens of the oppressed, and may our badge of sincerity and friendship, our star, be emblematic of the star of Bethlehem, a guide of our Sisterhood to holier, purer, and better things than earth can give—a guide to heaven. May we, indeed, be stars among women in whatever vocation we fill.

"With sincere love, ALICE V. COFFIN.

"Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, October 10, 1887."

A message of love and sympathy was returned by the convention, with the hope expressed that her life might long be spared to send such beautiful messages, but it was her last. She died the next July.

MRS. ALICE BIRD-BABB.

In many respects Mrs. Babb's life is as interesting as a story, a story filled with victories and defeats, the joys and responsibilities, the earnest effort and faithful work of a busy, capable woman, actuated by high ideals of home, friendship, and of citizenship.

Mrs. Alice Bird-Babb.

Alice Bird-Babb was born in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, in 1850. Her education was obtained in the public schools, in Howe's Academy, and in the Iowa Wesleyan University. After graduating from college she taught three years in the Mt. Pleasant High School and one year in her Alma Mater. In 1873 she was married to W. I. Babb, a rising young lawyer, and a former classmate. Four children came to them—Max and Miles, Clarabel and Alice. Max is practicing law with his father, and is married to a P. E. O. Miles, a sterling young man of twenty-four, is in business in Aurora, Illinois. Clarabel has long since been called to that other home where there is no sorrow or sickness or death. Alice is now in her sixteenth year, bright in her studies and fair to look upon. With these devoted children and a wise and honored husband to rise up and call her blessed, Mrs. Babb has had a happy and prosperous life.

A vigorous, versatile mind, a kind heart, a rare judgment of things material and things immaterial, a keen appreciation of the beautiful in life and nature, a sympathetic insight into domestic and social problems, a popular pub-

lic speaker, a talented writer, a helpful neighbor, a faithful wife and mother, an earnest P. E. O.—this is Mrs. Babb, and this she will always be, because she will always be interested in the things that work for the betterment of the home, the school, the church, and the general upbuilding of society.

Mrs. Babb is pre-eminently a home woman. Indeed, she is faithful even to excess to her duties as mother and home-maker. Her hobby is the protection which the American woman must give the American home. She says: "My solution to all the questions which vex the public to-day is a better home life, where principles of anarchy may be dispelled, where temperance in all things may be preached and practiced, where good boys can be sent out into the political field, where young girls can be fitted for the duties of home-making and home-keeping."

It was during her senior year in college that the idea occurred to her of organizing the P. E. O. Sisterhood. She communicated her plan to her six most intimate friends, and immediately drafted a constitution. Just twenty-five years later it was her pride and pleasure to re-arrange and enlarge this orignal document, in order to meet new conditions and rapid growth, and present it at Waterloo, Iowa, where it was adopted. On January 21st, 1869, the seven girls—Alice Bird, Ella Stewart, Mary Allen, Franc Roads, Sue Pearson, Allie Coffin, and Hattie Briggs, met in the music room of the Iowa Wesleyan University and "formed the ferment that has leavened the whole." Ella Stewart first administered the oath to Alice Bird, then she in turn to the other six. For the first three years Alice Bird (Babb) was president. The organization thus formed has had a marvelous growth. Its principles as established by these seven young girls are still the same. There has been no desire to change them. The oath as expressed in the constitution today is worded exactly the same as by them. A great compliment to the intuition or judgment of the creators of P. E. O.

During all these years Mrs. Babb has been not only a loyal but an active P. E. O., having never allowed her interest or her duties to lapse. Her pen has ever been willing and her voice ready to give counsel and assistance not only to her own Chapter, but to all who wear the golden star. Her life and example have always been an inspiration to the members of the organization that she so happily created, and which she has so faithfully nurtured and cherished.

For years Chapter A has felt that Mrs. Babb's devotion deserved something more than a passing "thank you." Born of this desire to in some way express their appreciation, the members of the mother Chapter, under the leader-

ship of Mrs. Emma Stevens, planned a surprise for their beloved founder and friend. Accordingly, at the close of the annual banquet which marked Chapter A's thirty-third birthday, the members presented to Mrs. Babb a beautiful golden star, with a diamond in each of its five points. The surprise was most complete, and while at first overcome with joyous emotions, Mrs. Babb soon rallied her mental forces and thanked the sisters in her characteristic way for the beautiful memento so lovingly bestowed. We are confident that not only Chapter A but the whole Sisterhood unite in the hope that Mrs. Babb may live many years to wear and enjoy her jewelled star.

FRANC ROADS-ELLIOTT.

Franc Roads was another one of our "original seven," who was born and educated in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. A bright, vivacious, handsome girl, popular, happy, and care-free, she entered with spirit into every phase of college life.

Franc Roads-Elliott.

She, also, like Alice Bird and Mary Allen, married a college classmate, Simon Elliott, the son of Dr. Elliott, one of the early and honored Presidents of the Iowa Wesleyan University. Married in 1872, and going at once to Lincoln, Nebraska, she was not for long an active member of the organization she helped to create; other interests and other objects claimed her time and attention. But notwithstanding her years of maternity, she must to-day feel proud of the growth of that bright idea, born of girlish inspiration and nurtured by maturer enthusiasm. Mrs. Elliott has two children, a son, Charles, practicing medicine, and a lovely daughter, happily married and living in Ohio.

Mrs. Elliott for years held the position of art instructor in the public schools of Aurora, Illinois, and is now teacher of drawing in the public schools of Salt Lake City, Utah. She is eminently successful in her chosen work.

MARY ALLEN-STAFFORD.

Mary Allen-Stafford.

Mary Allen was born in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, about fifty-four years ago. She was schooled in her native town. Graduating from the Iowa Wesleyan University in 1869, belonging to the famous class called "the Life Bloods," of which Alice Bird, Franc Roads, Allie Briggs, and Allie Coffin were also members. Mary Allen was one of the "original seven" who organized our beloved Order. Two years after graduating she was married to Charles L. Stafford, then a young Methodist divine just beginning his life work. Their first charge was in Fairfield. Four children came to brighten their home, three promising sons and one daughter, who died in infancy. In 1891 Rev. Stafford was made President of his Alma Mater, and Mrs. Stafford found herself once more in her girlhood home, among old class-mates and childhood friends. Here for eight years Doctor and Mrs. Stafford lived a busy, happy life. During part of this time Mrs. Stafford was actively identified with P. E. O. interests, from which she had been separated during many of the previous years. In 1899 Dr. Stafford returned to ministerial work, and the original Chapter A again lost Mrs. Stafford.

Mary Allen-Stafford has been a devoted mother, a helpful wife, and a kind Christian friend to the poor and unfortunate, a praiseworthy record for any woman, and one that every wife and mother should emulate.

History of Chapter S, of Mt. Pleasant.

BY MRS. LOLA GALER.

Chapter S of the Iowa Wesleyan University was familiarly known in Mt. Pleasant and among the members of Chapter A as "the College Chapter."

Few colleges have produced seventeen brighter graduates than the charter members of Chapter S. Remarkably intelligent and lovable girls, they have developed into earnest, capable, beautiful women, each an honor to womanhood and to P. E. O. It can also truthfully be said that those who followed them did noble work for P. E. O. Indeed, we who knew the personnel of this college Chapter believe that in all the Sisterhood there has never been a more loyal, helpful Chapter than Chapter S.

In order to understand why Chapter S has ceased to exist, we must go back almost to the beginning of P. E. O. history. Thirty-two years ago the conditions surrounding all sororities were similar. But as the years went by difficulties arose. Almost everyone connected with colleges became affiliated with Greek sororities. The I. C. Chapter, then in Iowa Wesleyan University, did this, becoming a part of Pi Beta Phi. As the P. E. O. Society grew, again and again the question as to our joining a Greek fraternity was discussed, but every time the plan was vetoed.

In time, the few college Chapters became town Chapters, Chapter S in Iowa Wesleyan University alone remaining. In 1893, when the P. E. O. constitution was revised, it was found that its conditions were very broad, being adapted to town and city rather than to school life, where rules of trustees and faculties must be obeyed. This fact caused trouble galore in Chapter S. Ex-Presidents of Grand Chapters will remember how often some action of this lone college Chapter annoyed them. For often in order to increase their numbers it was absolutely necessary for these college girls to disobey the rulings of the general body. In writing of this Chapter to the *Record*, Mrs. Babb says:

"I remember when once that fine parliamentarian, Mrs. Spilman, held the reins, she wrote asking me to go to this wayward Chapter and tell them if they disregarded rules longer their charter would be demanded. I answered, that if the old college Chapter needed a reprimand somebody besides Alice Bird-Babb would have to do the scolding, as that Chapter was dear to the scenes of my youth."

But Chapter S worked nobly on, and during recent years conformed strictly to the laws, never failing to be the leading ladies' secret society in college. Again and again new comers urged them to join a Greek sorority. But they loved P. E. O. too well to even listen to the whispers of the tempter. They wanted to keep P. E. O. alive and prospering in the dear old college where it was born, and most lovingly and faithfully did they work for this purpose. Of course, it was necessary for them to depend upon the continued assistance of Chapter A — "the down-town Chapter." But Chapter A had grown so large — over eighty active members — that some of its number forgot their duty to Chapter S. You all know what that means; and, to make a long story short, the college P. E. O.'s began to entertain the thought of joining a Greek sorority. The demand in college life for Greek fraternities was becoming more and more urgent, and they felt they must meet the demand. They went to their best friend and wisest counsellor, Mrs. Babb, and said: "What shall we do?" Mrs. Babb, true as she always is to her highest ideals of right and justice, crushed back all sentiment, muffled her own heart-beats, and urged them to join some good Greek sorority, preferably a new one. Comforted and fortified by this advice from the one who had always been a wise leader and a loving friend, these young girls gave up their beloved P. E. O. charter and became members of a new but flourishing Greek fraternity. In her *Record* article Mrs. Babb says:

"These girls still love P. E. O. and are loyal to its interests, and to the new girls in college who say to me: 'I'd rather be a P. E. O. than anything else,' I say: 'When your college days are over you can join P. E. O., as our Order is in a wider field than any Greek sorority can enter.'"

Mrs. Babb is right, and gave these girls exactly the right advice. And while we are sorry to lose our college Chapter, we who are here, living on the old stamping ground, feel that Chapter S is not dead. It has only changed its outer garments, replacing its plain American gown with the classic Grecian robe, and its Anglo-Saxon name for one that harmonizes with classic environments. Though now we call them Alpha Pi Delta in place of P. E. O., the same loved faces and the same noble enthusiasms are abroad among us, while side by side on many shoulders gleam the golden star and the jewelled quill.

Supreme Grand Chapter.

BY MRS. A. R. DEWEY.

The Committee on P. E. O. History deemed it advisable to have an explanatory article prepared for the history, concerning our Supreme Grand Chapter, designated in the early days the Grand Chapter. In complying with the request the writer will rely on authentic P. E. O. documents, minutes of conventions, constitutions, etc., as principal sources of information, as memory is sometimes faulty and might be questioned.

Chapter A, of Mt. Pleasant, the first Chapter organized, held the governing power until five other Chapters had been organized, when a dawning desire for a more representative government began to manifest itself. Accordingly, on November 1st and 2d, 1882, delegates from a number of P. E. O. Chapters met at Bloomfield, pursuant to a call from Chapter A, of Mt. Pleasant, to discuss the subject of government. After due deliberation, an agreement was reached that the question of a more representative form of government be presented to each of the several Chapters for discussion during the year; then delegates, properly instructed, to meet in the fall of 1883 for a final determination of the matter.

In October, 1883, the second preliminary convention met at Fairfield. Delegates were present from Mt. Pleasant, Jacksonville, Illinois, Bloomfield, Burlington, Fairfield, Iowa City, and Centerville, and all instructed to vote for a change of government. A motion prevailed that a more representative form of government be organized, and a committee from each Chapter was selected to draft a constitution and by-laws. When that committee reported the constitution was adopted section by section.

Now, quoting from Mrs. Mary Berry-Price, a member of the committee, and the first President of the Grand Chapter, now Supreme Grand Chapter: "The next duty was to christen the new-born creature, and, as we all know, 'The Grand Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood' it was named." As more than one state was represented at the organization of the Grand Chapter, the power was not limited to state or even to nation. The preamble to the first constitution of the Grand Chapter read: "We, the representatives chosen by the several Chapters of the P. E. O. Society, recognizing the importance of a

superior power by which all subordinate Chapters shall be controlled and receive equal judgment, do organize a Grand Chapter, and adopt the following constitution:

"ARTICLE 1. This body shall be known as the Grand Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood.

"ARTICLE 2. In the Grand Chapter shall be vested the legislative and judiciary power, except as shall be hereinafter mentioned."

The second Grand Chapter meeting took place in October, 1884, at Centerville, Iowa. At the P. E. O. convention at Washington, Iowa, in 1886, the word "judiciary" was changed to "judicial" in Article 2, above quoted. This convention also ordered a seal, and from that time all records of conventions, copies of constitutions of Grand Chapters and local Chapters, and all P. E. O. documents sent out to the Chapters were sealed with the seal of the body, which read on the upper half of the circle: "Issued by Grand Chapter of," with "P. E. O." in star in center, and in the lower half of the circle the words: "Organized January 21st, 1869." This was the legal stamp of the body until October, 1892. At the tenth annual convention assembled, the name of the Grand Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood was enlarged or amended by inserting the word "Supreme" before the words "Grand Chapter," and from that time the seal reads: "Issued by the Supreme Grand Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood," in the outer circle, and in an inner circle: "Founded 1869."

This act gave the body a more imposing name, but did not, or could not, give it greater power, for it possessed supreme power from the time of its organization in 1883.

In the meantime complications had arisen: the magnitude of the power and authority vested in the Grand Chapter seemed cloaked or unrevealed in the simplicity of its earlier name. Some attempts were made to organize a body with a more high-sounding title. In 1890, at Burlington, the Grand Chapter in convention assembled attempted to organize a National Grand Chapter. A set of officers was elected for a National Grand Chapter, when no such organization existed—a set of officers with no organization to rule, and hence no duties to perform. Since no organization can exist or have officers, dues, or powers of any kind until it has laws defining its powers and setting forth its authority, this body died before it had really lived. Although the Grand Chapter may have possessed sufficient power to create a National Grand Chapter, its procedure in this matter was erroneous — not in accordance with established

rules. The year following some few designated the Grand Chapter the Iowa Grand Chapter, but without proper authority for so doing.

When the Grand Chapter met at Mt. Pleasant in 1889 there were Chapters subordinate to it in the following named states: Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, California, and District of Columbia. Delegates present from Nebraska asked the privilege of forming a Nebraska State Grand Chapter, giving good and sufficient reasons therefor. The request was granted, with the stipulation (quoting from the minutes of the convention: "Will still be under the jurisdiction of the present Grand Chapter, which will now grant all charters.") Mrs. Rogers was delegated by the Grand Chapter "to help Nebraska organize when they were ready." However, Mrs. Nannie Torrence-Stockman, then Grand President, organized the Nebraska State Grand Chapter, as Mrs. Rogers was unable to attend.

By some unaccountable mistake the charter under which the State Grand Chapter of Nebraska was organized read: "Issued by the Grand Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood *of the State of Iowa.*" Why the last five words were added at the time to the original name has never been explained. The conjecture is that it was probably an unintentional mistake; but on this mistake was based the most spirited controversy ever had during the existence of our Order. The battle waged warmest during the summer of 1892. During that year another attempt was made to establish a National Grand Chapter—that ever resorted to panacea. Nebraska sent out a call, thus:

"To Chapter ——: You are requested to send a delegate to a convention to be held Monday evening, October 10th, 1892, at Des Moines, Iowa, for the purpose of considering the question of a National Grand Chapter of P. E. O. Each Chapter is entitled to one vote, either in person or by proxy. Signed, Lula B. Patrick, President," and the other officers of Nebraska Grand Chapter.

Pursuant to this call, a number of representatives from Chapters met at the time specified. Quoting from the minutes of this called meeting:

"Mrs. Patrick, President of the Nebraska Grand Chapter, being ill, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Briggs, Vice-President, who moved that Mrs. A. E. Clark, of Des Moines, act as chairman. She declined, as she was not a delegate of this meeting; as did also Mrs. Wilson, of Washington, Iowa. Mrs. Spilman was nominated, but declined. Miss Etta Budd, of Ames, was then nominated, and accepted. Moved, by Mrs. McNaul, that Mrs. Bryant, of Omaha, act as Secretary. Guard appointed. Password taken, and credentials examined.

"Moved, by Miss Morrison, that Mrs. Briggs state the object of the meeting, as said meeting had been called by the Nebraska Grand Chapter. Carried. Mrs. Briggs briefly stated the object was to form a supreme power for the Sisterhood, and the discussion of a National Grand Chapter. Miss Morrison raised the question: Was there a sufficient representation present to legalize any action taken? [It seemed to be the sense of the meeting there was not.]

"Mrs. Spilman, of Ottumwa, then, in well-chosen words, explained to the convention the views entertained and the stand taken by the Sisterhood of P. E. O.

"Miss Corbett, of Nebraska, thanked Mrs. Spilman for the explanation, saying it explained what had not been understood. A lengthy discussion followed—questions asked and explanations given. Moved, by Mrs. Spilman, seconded by Miss Jones, that the delegates here assembled representing Chapters outside of Nebraska do pledge ourselves to use our influence that the courtesy of a seat in the Grand Chapter of P. E. O., to convene in Des Moines, October 12th and 14th, be granted to the representatives from Nebraska, and that a state charter, legally adopted by the Grand Chapter P. E. O., be given Nebraska in exchange for the one she now holds, providing Nebraska recognizes the Grand Chapter of P. E. O. as the supreme power of the Order. Carried."

The original motion, which had been withdrawn until the above was voted upon, was then read: "That we, the delegates here assembled, recognize the Grand Chapter of P. E. O. as the supreme power of the Order, and consent to enter the convention to convene here in Des Moines, October 12th, 13th, and 14th, to devise ways and means for the good of the Order. Unanimously carried. Adjourned."

A seat and voice in the Grand Chapter was courteously granted each of the Nebraska delegates to Nebraska's called meeting, and a glad welcome extended. They in turn graciously assented to the following resolutions, recommended by Chapter N, of Ottumwa, which were adopted by the Grand Chapter of P. E. O.:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter of P. E. O. is the source of all true legitimate authority of the Order. It possesses original and exclusive jurisdiction and power —

"*First*. To establish, regulate, and control the forms and ceremonies and to change, alter, and annul the same, and to provide for the safe keeping and uniform teachings and dissemination of the same.

"*Second.* To provide, print, and furnish all charters, cards, seals, etc.

"*Third.* To provide for the emanation and distribution of all passwords, and regulate the manner and mode of using the same.

"*Fourth.* To establish the order in all states, districts, territories, provinces, or countries where the same has not been established.

"*Fifth.* To provide a revenue for the Supreme Grand Chapter by means of a representative tax on each State Grand Chapter, and charge for supplies furnished by it, and dues from subordinate Chapters under its jurisdiction.

"*Sixth.* To provide for annual returns from each State Grand Chapter and for each Subordinate Chapter under its immediate jurisdiction.

"*Seventh.* To hear and determine all appeals from State, Grand, and Subordinate Chapters, when the same are properly brought before it in accordance with the regulations of the Order, and to provide by legislation for the enforcement of its decisions.

"*Eighth.* To enact laws and regulations of general application to carry into effect the foregoing and all other powers reserved by the constitution of the Grand Chapter of P. E. O. or its officers, and such as may be necessary to enforce its legitimate authority over State, Grand, and Subordinate Chapters.

"*Ninth.* To charter State Grand Chapters and define the territorial extent of the jurisdiction of any State Grand Chapter, and to provide a constitution for each subordinate Chapter under its immediate jurisdiction."

After these resolutions were fully discussed, and well understood, they were placed in the hands of a committee, namely: Mrs. Matthews, of Thorntown, Indiana; Mrs. Briggs, of Superior, Nebraska; Mrs. Cramer, of Memphis, Missouri; Miss Pendleton, Miss Hudson, and Mrs. Spilman, of Iowa. The committee recommended the adoption of each of the nine resolutions, which recommendation prevailed, and they were adopted, article by article.

With this authority, so clearly defined and adopted by the Grand Body while in its tenth annual session, there seemed no need of a higher-sounding title to convey to the mind the full scope of its power. However, to guard against any possible misunderstanding in the future, a motion prevailed that the following amendment be made to the Grand Chapter constitution. That Article 1 should read: "This body shall be known as the Supreme Grand Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood." Amendment carried. The amendment simply supplying the word "Supreme," to be placed before the words "Grand Chapter." Hence the "Supreme Grand Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood" is the continuation of the "Grand Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood," and

the convention at which this change of name was made was the tenth annual meeting of the "Supreme Grand Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood."

So far as the records are complete, correct lists of names of delegates to these several Supreme Grand Chapter conventions are given in the history. Prior to 1882 they are not complete, hence are omitted entirely. Following is the roll of Supreme Grand Chapter officers from 1883 to 1903:

LIST OF SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS.

October, 1883, to October, 1884.—President, Mrs. Mary Berry, Centerville, Iowa; First Vice-President, Miss Mary Hare, Mt. Pleasant; Second Vice-President, Sallie I. Hatfield, Jacksonville, Illinois; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Maggie Seerley, Iowa City, Iowa; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Clara Worthington, Fairfield, Iowa; Treasurer, Mrs. Emma Hill, Bloomfield, Iowa.

October, 1884, to October, 1885.—President, Mrs. Mary Berry Price, Maquon, Illinois; First Vice-President, Miss Ella Lamson, Fairfield, Iowa; Second Vice-President, Miss Pet Wallace, Bloomfield, Iowa; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Nellie A. Campbell, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Recording Secretary, Miss Hattie Wilson, Iowa City, Iowa; Treasurer, Miss Orian Pendleton, Moulton, Iowa.

October, 1885, to October, 1886.—President, Miss Clara Weiny, Bloomfield, Iowa; First Vice-President, Miss Eva Denny, Washington, Iowa; Second Vice-President, Miss Fannie Dibble, Osceola, Iowa; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Nellie A. Campbell, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Recording Secretary, Miss Annie J. Cottle, Fairfield, Iowa; Treasurer, Miss Orian Pendleton, Moulton, Iowa.

October, 1886, to October, 1887.—President, Mrs. Effie H. Rogers, Oskaloosa, Iowa; First Vice-President, Luella Masters, Thorntown, Indiana; Second Vice-President, Miss Flo Walden, Centerville, Iowa; Corresponding Secretary, *Mrs. Emma K. Mitchell, Bloomfield, Iowa; Recording Secretary, Miss Annie J. Cottle, Fairfield, Iowa; Treasurer, Miss Orian Pendleton, Moulton, Iowa.

October, 1887, to October, 1888.—President, Mrs. Effie H. Rogers, Oskaloosa, Iowa; First Vice-President, Miss F. Clem Wilde, York, Nebraska; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Alice S. Spilman, Ottumwa, Iowa; Corresponding

*Mrs. Mitchell resigned as Corresponding Secretary, February 26, 1887, and Miss Hattie B. Shields, of Albia, Iowa, was appointed in her place.

Secretary, Miss Hattie B. Shields, Albia, Iowa; Recording Secretary, Miss Annie J. Cottle, Fairfield, Iowa; Treasurer, Miss Orian Pendleton, Centerville, Iowa.

October, 1888, to October, 1889.—President, Mrs. Effie H. Rogers, Oskaloosa, Iowa; First Vice-President, Mrs. Alice S. Spilman, Ottumwa, Iowa; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Helen Dunnington, Thorntown, Indiana; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Effie McBeth Potter, Burlington, Iowa; Recording Secretary, Miss Annie J. Cottle, Fairfield, Iowa; Treasurer, Miss Orian Pendleton, Centerville, Iowa.

October, 1889, to October, 1890.—President, Nannie Torrence, Sigourney, Iowa; First Vice-President, Mrs. A. P. Hanchett, Council Bluffs, Iowa; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Helen Dunnington, Thorntown, Indiana; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. E. K. Dinwiddie, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Recording Secretary, Miss Annie J. Cottle, Fairfield, Iowa; Treasurer, Miss Orian Pendleton, Centerville, Iowa.

October, 1890, to October, 1891.—President, Miss Orian Pendleton, Centerville, Iowa; First Vice-President, Mrs. A. R. Dewey, Washington, Iowa; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Joe Blanchard, Oskaloosa, Iowa; Recording Secretary, Miss Annie J. Cottle, Fairfield, Iowa; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ella K. Dinwiddie, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Treasurer, Mrs. Ellie C. Buttles, Burlington, Iowa.

October, 1891, to October, 1892.—President, Mrs. A. R. Dewey, Washington, Iowa; First Vice-President, Mrs. A. E. Clark, Des Moines, Iowa; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Winnie R. Durland, Norfolk, Nebraska; Recording Secretary, Miss Dixie Cornell, Knoxville, Iowa; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ella Randel, Ottumwa, Iowa; Treasurer, Mrs. Ellie C. Buttles, Burlington, Iowa.

October, 1892, to October, 1893.—President, Mrs. Jessie M. Thayer, Chariton, Iowa; First Vice-President, Mrs. Winnie R. Durland, Norfolk, Nebraska; Second Vice-President, Mrs. R. D. Cramer, Memphis, Missouri; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Dora Carver McNaul, Holdrege, Nebraska; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ella Randel, Ottumwa, Iowa; Treasurer, Mrs. Ida Matthews, Thorntown, Indiana.

October, 1893, to October, 1895.—President, Mrs. Alice C. Briggs, Superior, Nebraska; First Vice-President, Miss Ida L. Palmer, Detroit, Michigan; Second Vice-President, Miss Martha Winans, Los Angeles, California; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Laura P. Couch, Waterloo, Iowa; Corresponding Secre-

tary, Miss Daisy L. Riggs, Unionville, Missouri; Treasurer, Miss Minnie Osgood, Edgewater, Illinois; Organizer, Miss Winnie R. Durland, Norfolk, Nebraska.

October, 1895, to October, 1897.—President, Miss Alice Spilman, Ottumwa, Iowa; First Vice-President, Mrs. Jennie H. Bryant, Omaha, Nebraska; Second Vice-President, Mrs. R. D. Cramer, Memphis, Missouri; Recording Secretary, Miss Virginia Corbett, Lincoln, Nebraska; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ida L. Palmer, Detroit, Michigan; Treasurer, Miss Minnie Osgood, Chicago, Illinois; Organizer, Miss Winnie R. Durland, Norfolk, Nebraska.

October, 1897, to October, 1899.—President, Mrs. Flora Chester Herring, Fairfield, Iowa; First Vice-President, Mrs. R. D. Cramer, Memphis, Missouri; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Laura L. Allen, Superior, Nebraska; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Carrie G. Hunter, Newton, Iowa; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Emma C. Hyatt, Detroit, Michigan; Treasurer, Miss Minnie Osgood, Chicago, Illinois; Organizer, Mrs. Julia N. Robinson, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

October, 1899, to October, 1901.—President, Mrs. Walter Campbell, Oskaloosa, Iowa; First Vice-President, Mrs. M. B. Scott, Monroe City, Missouri; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Laura L. Allen, Superior, Nebraska; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Lillian P. Parmele, Plattsmouth, Nebraska; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Emma C. Hyatt, Detroit, Michigan; Treasurer, Mrs. Emma R. Pratt, Chicago, Illinois; Organizer, Mrs. Julia Robinson, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

October, 1901, to October, 1903.—President, Mrs. Carrie Hapeman, Minden, Nebraska; First Vice-President, Mrs. M. Lue Weber, Knoxville, Iowa; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Annie D. Wilkins, Des Moines, Iowa; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Ella M. Spencer, Oskaloosa, Iowa; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Emma C. Hyatt, Detroit, Michigan; Treasurer, Mrs. Emma R. Pratt, St. Louis, Missouri.

SUPREME PRESIDENTS AND CONVENTIONS.

MRS. MARY BERRY-PRICE.

First in order of time of the Presidents of Supreme Grand Chapter of the P. E. O. is Mary Berry Price. She was born April 23d, 1856, in Wapello county, Iowa, and lived there until 1879, when she went with her parents to Moulton, Iowa. She must have been a bright girl, for after attending school in town and country until sixteen years old she went to teaching, and kept at it

for ten years with only one more year spent in a higher school to finish her education. In the seven years she taught in the schools of Moulton she went through all grades from the primary to high school. She was in her second year as assistant postmistress at Centerville after that, when, in February, 1884, she resigned her position to become the wife of A. R. Price. They went to London Mills, Illinois, and it has been her home ever since.

Mrs. Mary Berry-Price.

As may be inferred, Mrs. Price is a woman of thorough and active habits. Nervous in temperament, with a will to carry what she undertakes to completion she has met many tests of her courage that she has overcome and been successful. One of these was the loss of her husband, May 21st, 1900, leaving her with three sons and three daughters. Mrs. Price wrote to a friend, speaking of this: "While all my life has been a pleasant one, the years of such perfect home life as I have had in my own home are above and beyond the rest; but this life, which seemed to me ideal, ended with the death of my husband." So then she took up the task of caring for her family in a practical way, and as her oldest child was fifteen, the education of the children was of first consequence, and has gone on regularly. They chose to live on the home farm, and she has managed that well. Still she has found time to do work in the Methodist Episcopal Church as a member of the official board; is a member of the country school board, and is now, as always, greatly interested in educational affairs. Although very slender she possesses endurance, and works so quickly she keeps well and cheerful. Much reading keeps her up with the times. She attends school elections, and votes punctually as a matter of duty. Mrs. Price became a P. E. O. in Centerville as a charter member, and the interests of the Sisterhood were ever foremost with her. Living, as she has for so many years, where no Chapter exists, it is impossible to say how much the Sisterhood has lost by having her no longer in its working ranks.

In the fall of 1882 Mary Berry was sent by the Centerville Chapter as a delegate to a P. E. O. convention held in Bloomfield, called by the Mt. Pleasant Chapter—it is to be remembered Mt. Pleasant for all the first years kept the power of governing in its own hands. Mrs. Price has sent her recollections of the two preliminary conventions, this one at Bloomfield in 1882, and the next in the autumn of 1883, and what she terms the first Grand Chapter meeting of the P. E. O. Sisterhood at Centerville, February, 1884, and the second Grand Chapter meeting in Ottumwa in the fall of 1885, from which we shall give the following:

CONVENTION OF 1882.

The basis of representation at the Bloomfield convention was ten. We held a two days' session, full of work and interest. The great theme with us then was a desire for change of government. As Mt. Pleasant was the cradle, so was it the ruling power. But conditions had changed, members had multiplied, strength had come with growth, and with it a general desire for a voice in government. After much deliberation and consultation, an agreement was reached that the question of a representative government upon a basis later established should be submitted to each Chapter for consideration. A vote on the plan must be taken in all the Chapters before the next convention and all delegates instructed on the proposed change. Then the plan would be decided upon there. Many minor affairs were discussed, and royally were delegates entertained. A brilliant reception at the Higbee home was given, the last evening. This convention was held in different homes in the town, and Miss Ione Ambler, of Mt. Pleasant, presided over the meetings.

CONVENTION OF 1883.

There was a large attendance at the convention in Fairfield, October 10th, 11th, and 12th, 1883. The meetings were held in Masonic hall. Miss Lillian Bartlett, of Mt. Pleasant, presided, and Miss Ella Albright, of Centerville, was Secretary. Much enthusiasm was evinced. After the usual preliminaries, the great question of a new government came up. It was the one important matter. Upon roll call, all the delegates were found to be instructed for a change. There was much discussion as to what should be done and how. At length a committee was appointed to draft a constitution and by-laws for a representative government. This committee "on general assembly," as it was called, consisted of one delegate chosen from each Chapter, and they were Mrs.

McCracken, of Fairfield; Miss Berry, of Centerville; Mrs. Seerley, of Iowa City; Miss Spaulding, of Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Hill, of Bloomfield, and Miss Hatfield, of Jacksonville. Later another member, whose name is not recorded, was placed upon the committee, from Mt. Pleasant, giving it two as a special courtesy. Several of the delegations had presented a plan, and these were placed before the committee. Speaking of their work, Mrs. Price says: "How well do I remember the time we spent in that little ante-room; how we hurriedly and imperfectly formed what became the first Grand Chapter constitution. It was adopted section by section, and Mt. Pleasant gracefully gave over to this new born creature her authority and good-will, thereby becoming one of us instead of being the one." The constitution of a general representative assembly was adopted, but the convention felt it was rather experimental, and a committee of one from each Chapter on necessary changes was appointed to revise it during the year.

No name was originally given to the body created in this constitution, and it was only after much discussion and considering several names proposed that Grand Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood was adopted. Then, on motion, the convention resolved itself into the Grand Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood and elected its officers the first time. Miss Berry was made the first President at this election, and so began the new work.

This convention also appointed a committee which formed a new charter for Chapters, being Mrs. Worthington, of Fairfield; Mrs. Armstrong, of Centerville, and Miss May Hare, of Mt. Pleasant. An installation ceremony was prepared and used in installing the officers. Miss Ida Spaulding, of Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Hunt, of Bloomfield, and Mrs. Seerley, of Iowa City, drew up the form, much the same as is at present used. The pins used not being uniform, a committee selected a pin that was adopted as official, placing the work in the hands of one man to supply as required by Chapters.

Organization of new Chapters was thought of, and the constitution especially requires the Vice-President to look for suitable places to organize Chapters. Mrs. Mary Berry was authorized to organize one in Moulton. This was the organizing convention, and was a very busy one. Its labors were quickly and well done, and the utmost good-feeling prevailed. A transfer of authority is sometimes hard to accomplish peacefully, but here it was done in all the spirit of sisterhood, without a jar.

Writing of this convention, where such a complete and peaceful change in government was accomplished, Mrs. Nannie Torrance has said that its creation

was "sustained and urged on by enthusiastic workers, one of the most prominent of which was Mrs. Nellie Ambler-Campbell, to whom more than any other one person is due the carrying out of the plans of the formation of a general assembly. Mrs. Campbell was preceptress and professor of English literature nine years in the Iowa Wesleyan University, where P. E. O. originated, and was initiated March 16th, 1878. Mrs. Campbell realized that something must be done if the Order was to grow and prosper. One evening after a meeting (of the Mt. Pleasant Chapter) some half dozen members remained to talk over the interests of the Order. Here she presented her idea, which received attention, and in a few weeks was the talk of the Chapter, some strongly favoring, others, disliking to see the power depart from Chapter A, strongly opposing. At last, to the great credit of the Chapter, it was decided to send word to the Chapters to instruct their delegates on the subject of forming a general assembly. A committee, of which Mrs. Campbell was a member, was appointed by Chapter A to draw up a plan of a constitution to present to the Fairfield meeting, and the substance of this report was the same as the constitution adopted. She was not a delegate to the Fairfield convention, but attended all its sessions, and gave valuable assistance by suggestions as to the formation of the general assembly. She was elected Corresponding Secretary at the first Grand Chapter convention, and served during that year. She was born June 13th, 1844, was married in 1878, and died September 28th, 1889. She was a woman to whom P. E. O. owes much."

CONVENTION OF 1884.

This body convened September 4th, 1884, in Odd Fellows' Hall, Centerville, Iowa. Mrs. Mary Price (elected while Miss Berry) came from her home at London Mills, Illinois, to preside. For the second time arrangements had been made to group delegates of the same Chapter together, and it has always been done since then. A committee to attend to having charters for local Chapters printed was appointed. A committee to draft Grand Chapter by-laws was appointed, composed of Mrs. Wilson, of Fairfield; Miss Wallace, of Bloomfield, and Miss Lyon, of Mt. Pleasant. The following committee was appointed to revise the local constitution: Miss Gemball, of Mt. Pleasant; Miss Cottle, of Fairfield; Miss Dance, of Bloomfield; Miss Wilson, of Iowa City; Miss Bartlett, of Ottumwa, and Miss Wright, of Centerville. This was one revision, but before the matter assumed the permanent, printed form it now has there were other revisions and amendments at every convention.

It was moved and carried that a tax of 50 cents each should be levied, payable semi-annually, this being the first provision to sustain the young Grand Chapter. The committees on By-Laws and Grand Chapter Constitution both reported, and their work was passed upon section by section; also, local Chapter constitution was greatly amended. Thursday evening was a literary and social one. It was discussed and decided that during the year the Chapters should try to find some plan of work to be presented at the next Grand Chapter meeting. Mrs. Mary Berry-Price was again elected President.

CONVENTION OF 1885.

On the evening previous to the assembling of the convention, Mrs. Price says: "A new form of entertainment was introduced, being the wedding of one of Ottumwa Chapter's fair sisters. All delegates and visiting P. E. O.'s were guests."

The convention was held in Armory Hall, Ottumwa, opening October 15th, Mrs. Price presiding for the second time. Reports were given from each Chapter of its literary, charitable, and society work, and its membership statistics. On revising Grand Chapter by-laws, a committee was appointed consisting of Miss Light, Mrs. Halwick, and Miss Smith, of Keosauqua. Miss Roemer, of Ottumwa; Miss Weiny, of Bloomfield, and Miss Goss, of Centerville, to revise Grand Chapter constitution. The President reported the organizations made during the year. She expressed the belief that the adoption of a general plan of work for some single object, as had been suggested, was impossible. In fact it must have been if money was to be required, and little can be done without it. The Treasurer, Miss Pendleton, reported $91.25 as the total amount paid in during the year.

The subject of the badge was brought up by Mrs. Babb, and generally discussed as to whether the letters and meaning should be changed, with the result that an unwillingness to change was found almost universal. Miss Loring, of Oskaloosa, brought up the question whether an affirmation instead of the oath in the initiation ceremony would be sufficient, but it was not allowed. Miss Goss, of Centerville, introduced the subject of choosing colors for the Society, but it was not done. The style of pin was still unsettled, and a committee of one from each Chapter was appointed to retire and decide upon it, and all the pins were ordered from one jeweler.

In miscellaneous hour, Friday, the question as to publishing a journal was brought up and fully talked over. It was decided by a vote of thirty-five for to

nine against to publish a quarterly paper. It may be added that this paper was never published, for practical difficulties prevented, but the idea of P. E. O. having a magazine or paper was thus early in existence.

Chapter A, of Mt. Pleasant, was empowered to give the privilege to the college Chapter of Mt. Pleasant to invite anyone upon whom they unanimously agreed, without waiting for the consent of resident members of her home town. A great many papers were read and songs sung during this convention.

Miss Clara Weiny, of Bloomfield, was elected President, and Washington, Iowa, chosen as next place of meeting.

MISS CLARA WEINY, BY MRS. EFFIE L. FORTUNE.

In every organization there are those who, through some natural endowment, some inherent quality, are eminently fitted for leadership, and when to these are added a bright intellect, tact, a lovely disposition, and a charming personality, such persons are gladly and willingly looked up to as friends and advisers. Such a one was our dear Sister, Miss Clara Weiny, of Chapter B, Iowa, second President of Grand Chapter P. E. O.

Initiated into the Sisterhood in 1877, while yet a school girl, she was at all times a true and loyal P. E. O., always interested in the growth and prosperity of the Order, and ever willing to share its duties and responsibilities as well as its pleasures. Repeatedly holding offices in her home Chapter, and being sent as delegate to several of the earlier conventions, she at all times ably demonstrated her clear insight, sincere convictions, and unusual executive ability. At the Ottumwa convention in 1885 Miss Weiny was elected President of the Grand Chapter, and held that office for one year with great credit to herself and to the satisfaction of all.

Miss Weiny was born in Van Buren county, Iowa, in 1861. Coming to Bloomfield while yet a little child, she received her education in the schools of that place. She also completed the Chautauqua literary and scientific course, graduating with the class of 1888. Early showing a talent for music, she took advantage of every opportunity for its cultivation, and enjoyed an enviable reputation as a musician of marked ability. She had charge of the music department of the public schools of Bloomfield for a number of years, and at the same time conducted large private classes in both piano and vocal music. In the home, where she was an only and idolized child, she always exhibited that true hospitality which in woman is a crowning grace. In society she was ever considerate of those around her, while to her friends she was always loyal, true,

and faithful. Miss Weiny was a member of the Presbyterian church, and was at all times a consistent Christian and active church worker. On June 25th, 1901, after a severe illness of several months, our Heavenly Father called her from this world to live that greater life.

" She passed through glory's morning gate, and walked in Paradise."

Of one last tribute of love an intimate friend and P. E. O. Sister writes: " The funeral services were concluded with the use of the ritual, which seemed most beautiful and impressive. As we saw the star glistening upon the shoulder of our Sister, it seemed to shed a halo of light, and we felt indeed that this talisman hath an abode in heaven with Faith, Love, Purity, Justice, and Truth radiating from its five points, calling each of us to a nobler life, a more useful womanhood, to more active service for the Master here, and to a grand and glorious reunion where parting is no more. Clara Weiny's life will ever be an inspiration to each P. E. O."

The editor of this volume adds the following in relation to the convention of 1886, over which Miss Weiny presided as Grand Chapter President:

It was held in Masonic Hall, Washington, Iowa, October 13th, 14th, and 15th, 1886. Mrs. Hattie Wilson, of Washington Chapter, gave a hearty welcome to the convention in a bright address, responded to by the President of the Grand Chapter, Miss Clara Weiny. Miss Weiny's report showed five Chapters organized. Chapter U, Thorntown, Indiana, organized by Chapter at Osceola, Iowa; Chapter V, Fairfield, Nebraska, organized by Chapter at York, Nebraska; Chapter W, Unionville, Missouri, organized by Chapter at Centerville, Iowa; Chapter X, Sigourney, Iowa, organized by Centerville Chapter; Chapter Y, Knoxville, Iowa, organized by Centerville. Here, as in former conventions, the matter of a burial ritual was in committee hands, and a marriage ritual, too, was considered, but not completed. The latter has never been made. A committee to revise the initiation ceremony was also appointed. Much work in revision of local constitution occupied time. A Committee on Charters for Local Chapters reported that they had them printed for $2.50 each, and it was further ordered that the charters should be signed by the President and Recording Secretary of Grand Chapter, then given to the person organizing the Chapter, and she fill in the names of members after organizing. At this convention bonds were required to be given by the Treasurer, amounting to $300. A motion was carried to give Mrs. Effie Rogers all names of members of each Chapter to be printed. The constitution was revised to cause the Grand Chapter to be composed of one delegate at large and one

delegate for each fifteen members from each Chapter. It is a fact that at this and one or two previous conventions discussion was had whether the meaning of the letters P. E. O. should be changed or not. Some favored using several meanings, some wished a Latin interpretation, but, by motion, the old and original meaning was voted to be retained. A committee consisting of Effie Rogers, Miss Ambler, and Julia McKibbin was appointed to "be continued during the coming P. E. O. year with authority to convene, consult, correspond, and advise, and if by them deemed feasible, to report at the next annual meeting of this Grand Chapter and recommend such articles of legislation as may by them be deemed advisable tending to the organization of a General Grand Chapter which shall assume authority of territory generally, and to provide for the establishment of State Grand Chapters, and to provide for forming Chapters in territories where no Grand Chapter exists."

Mrs. Rogers presented an initiation ceremony, which the convention approved and adopted. The Treasurer reported receiving $315.20, and paying out $92.20 during the year. It was decided to put $100 on interest for a year.

Mrs. Effie Rogers was elected President, and the next Grand Chapter meeting was appointed at Albia.

MRS. EFFIE HOFFMAN-ROGERS, BY MRS. ELLA C. BUTTLES.

The third Supreme Grand Chapter President was born May 13th, 1853, in Jackson, Ohio. She moved to Oskaloosa, Iowa, in October, 1861. She attended the public schools and Oskaloosa College until 1869, when she went to Meadville, Pennsylvania. In September of that year she entered Alleghany College, the first girl ever admitted as a student to that institution, and would have graduated there in 1874 had she continued. In September, 1870, she entered school at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where she graduated June 19th, 1872. She was initiated into the P. E. O. Sisterhood October 9th, 1871, and has held every office in the subordinate Chapter. She was elected President of the Grand Chapter in 1886, at the meeting held at Washington, Iowa; re-elected at Albia in 1887, again re-elected at Keosauqua, Iowa, in 1888, and declined at Mt. Pleasant in 1889. Under her administration the Order grew from nineteen to forty-two Chapters. Among the Chapters organized by her we mention the following: Chariton, Iowa; Washington, D. C.; Farmington, Iowa; Council Bluffs, Iowa; Norfolk, Nebraska; Bethany, Missouri; Burlington, Iowa; Meade, Kansas; West Des Moines, Iowa; Knightstown, Indiana; Lebanon, Indiana; Rock Rapids, Iowa; Cameron, Missouri; Jerseyville, Illi-

nois; Cedar Falls, Iowa; Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, College Chapter; Oceanside, California; Superior, Nebraska; Garden Grove, Iowa; Omaha, Nebraska; Keokuk, Iowa; Plattsmouth, Nebraska, and Hastings, Nebraska.

Mrs. Effie Hoffman-Rogers.

Up to the time of Mrs. Rogers' Presidency charters had not been regularly issued, but she issued and sent to the respective Chapters the necessary charters. At this time there was no organizer, and this work fell to the lot of the chief officers, making the work of the President much more arduous than today. One has said of the work performed by Mrs. Rogers: "Nothing but words of praise are spoken regarding the promptness with which she has ever dispatched all business which came under her jurisdiction." At the meeting of the Grand Chapter held at Keosauqua she was unanimously elected editor-in-chief of a journal to be started in the interest of the Sisterhood, with instructions to name the journal and select her assistants. January 1st, 1889, the first number appeared. It was called the *P. E. O. Record,* and bore the names of Mrs. Alice Babb, of Mt. Pleasant, and of Mrs. Carrie Ogilvie, of Des Moines, as assistants. She continued as editor-in-chief for two years, but owing to pressing demands in other lines of work she was compelled to resign when elected for the third year, and was succeeded by Miss Mary Osmond, of Osceola.

Mrs. Rogers is and ever has been a firm believer in the principles upon which the P. E. O. Sisterhood is founded. She believes it is not a society for show, but was organized for usefulness to help each other; that so long as we hold fast together and aid each other we will prosper and none can injure us, but if the bond of union be broken there will be left naught but helpless ruin and dismay. Her work as a P. E. O. lies in the past. She esteems it a privilege to have been one of the foundation builders. She feels that her success during the three years as Supreme Grand Chapter President was largely due to the ability and faithfulness of her fellow officers. Among these were: Anna

J. Cottle, now Mrs. L. J. Marcy, Fairfield, Iowa; Orian Pendleton, one of God's noblewomen; Hattie Shields, Mrs. Helen Dunnington, Mrs. Effie McBeth-Potter, and others. These officers were all firm friends and loyal sisters, and ever rejoiced in the successes that came to each other, and there was always a harmonious working together. During the Presidency of Mrs. Rogers the constitution was revised, and she revised the initiation ceremony, extending it greatly. She also issued a catalogue giving a complete list of the members. The burial service was revised during this period, and the Order strengthened in many ways.

If we were to name Mrs. Rogers' chief characteristics we would say straight forwardness and loyalty. She is intensely loyal to friends, to principle, and to what she believes to be right. She hates shams, injustice, and self-seeking. She has ever been an active leader in church, missionary, and temperance work. She is an Episcopalian, and a member of St. James' Church at Oskaloosa. Whatever her hands have found to do has been done with her might, and whatever cause she has undertaken has prospered on account of the endless enthusiasm and rare executive ability it has secured from her. April 28th, 1880, she was married to John F. Rogers, a man of fine literary and business ability, and went west to live. Her married life was of short duration. In three years and one-half her husband died, leaving her two children, a son and a daughter. Four months after his father's death the son died. The daughter, now a young woman, has been her mother's constant companion and comfort. She is now studying to be a trained nurse, and promises to make a success of her chosen profession.

Since the death of her husband Mrs. Rogers has resided with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Hoffman, in Oskaloosa, with the exception of six years spent in Boston educating her daughter. She has had a career equalled by few women. She has been engaged in literary work as editor, reporter, and publisher. In educational work, as teacher, member of the Oskaloosa School Board, and County Superintendent of Schools. In business, as representative of the publishing houses of Silver, Burdette & Co., and of the Prang Educational Co., of Boston; manager of the Iowa Branch of the Fisk's Teachers Agency, and the Oskaloosa Collecting Agency, and is at present connected with the Dickson-Graff Co., manufacturing confectioners, of Waterloo, Iowa, as their representative in the large towns of Iowa.

CONVENTION OF 1887.

This convention was held October 12th, 13th, and 14th, in Knights of Pythias hall, at Albia, Iowa, Mrs. Effie H. Rogers presiding. As showing what Chapters were represented, the Secretary's report is given. The Chapters and number of delegates from each were: Chapter A, Mt. Pleasant, four; Chapter Y, Knoxville, two; Chapter N, Ottumwa, four; Chapter R, York, Nebraska, one; Chapter U, Thorntown, Indiana, one; Chapter X, Sigourney, two; Chapter F, Bloomfield, three; Chapter Z, Chariton, two; Chapter V, Fairfield, Nebraska, one; Chapter B, Fairfield, three; Chapter Q, Washington, three; Chapter M, Moulton, three; Chapter S, Osceola, two; Chapter P, Keosauqua, three, and Chapter W, Unionville, Missouri, one.

A discussion on the founding of an industrial school was carried on throughout the convention. A plan for one was presented by Mrs. Rogers and Miss Stewart, and finally it was moved, and adopted, that all local Chapters procure all money possible to carry on a great movement for good by the Sisterhood, and that it should be an industrial home for girls, unless otherwise ordered. All Chapters were to be instructed, and their reports taken on the matter, to report at the next convention.

State charters began to be discussed. Miss Stewart, one of the original seven, was a member of the convention, and gave her idea that we should have both a state and national charter. It was said there should be a state charter issued when there were five Chapters in a state, otherwise the Chapters would remain under the Grand Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood. A committee consisting of Mrs. Rogers, Miss Weiny, and Miss Hare was appointed to procure a state charter, taking their own time to attend to it. Conference went on between this convention, and the next, and others, also, as to furnishing pins, their size, style, and cost.

The burial ritual plan was discussed, and one was adopted. It was decided to incorporate in it songs composed by P. E. O.'s and the music by them also, if possible; if not, to have some man employed. The project did not succeed, as there seemed to be no poems written suitable.

Five hundred catalogues of P. E. O.'s were reported printed and ready for distribution. A seal for the Grand Chapter was reported bought, and was used for the first time on the minutes. It cost $5.73, and read in letters surrounding a star with P. E. O. on it: "Issued by Grand Chapter of P. E. O. Organized January 21st, 1869." This seal was used by the Grand Chapter until the name Supreme was added, when another seal was needed.

It was in this convention the beautiful greeting which proved to be Alice Coffin's last words to P. E. O. was read. It is given in the sketch of her life. Miss Ella Stewart was present as a delegate, and read a lively, girlish paper on the founding of P. E. O., which was incorporated in the minutes. She describes the meeting, at a social college gathering, with a number of the young ladies unexpectedly seen wearing the I. C. emblem for the first time, and adds: "While standing around the stove and eyeing the golden arrow with eyes askance, we decided when and where to meet to perfect the plans then and there hastily conceived. As stated in our constitution, an informal meeting was held in the music room in the college, January 21st, 1869. There the name was chosen and the original oath drawn up, and our badge, a golden star with P. E. O. in black enamelled letters across the face, chosen."

An item of the report reads: "Local constitutions were compared. No two were found to be alike." This state of things was soon remedied, a uniform local constitution being agreed upon by the convention and ordered sent out to the Chapters by the Secretary.

It was proposed that P. E. O. be put on pins in German letters, but was not carried. Here also was a discussion whether it should be made a Greek letter society, which also failed. All old ceremonies and constitutions were ordered sent to Miss Dell Parsons, of Knoxville, and to be by her destroyed. Much valuable history was lost in this holocaust, it is believed, having been in the President's books then and there destroyed.

Mrs. Effie H. Rogers was re-elected Grand Chapter President.

CONVENTION OF 1888.

The sixth annual convention assembled at Keosauqua, in Masonic Hall, October 17th-20th, 1888, opening with a reception and banquet the evening previous for the delegates and the parents of the home Chapter. Forty-two delegates, representing twenty-one Chapters, assembled for the session the next morning, and listened to an address of welcome from Effie McBeth, of Keosauqua, to which Mrs. Spilman, of Ottumwa, responded. All officers except Second Vice-President were present. As Jerseyville, Illinois, had sent no regular delegate, Ida Duffield, being present from there, by vote of the convention, acted as delegate.

It was evidence of the better feeling now prevailing between the sister societies that a message of greeting was sent to the I. C.'s, then in session at Ottumwa.

A letter from Washington, D. C., Chapter E, was read, asking that national headquarters might be established there with the assistance of the Grand Chapter. On deliberation, it was decided not to do so. Great efforts were being made at this time to have all old ceremonies, different local constitutions, by-laws, and sundry other papers sent to Miss Dell Parsons, of Knoxville, for destruction, with a view to unifying the work, and she reported a large number of such destructions. Chapter A wished to retain its old papers of this kind, and, by vote of the convention, was allowed to do so. It seems unfortunate that they can not be found to assist in the construction of this history.

The matter of state charters, from the previous convention, coming up, the President, Mrs. Rogers, said the charters were not ready. She advised allowing eight Chapters in a state to entitle it to a Grand Chapter organization, but no definite results on state organizations were obtained. Miss Ella Stewart, who had been appointed to find poems and hymns composed by or for the Sisterhood, could get none. The change to a Greek order, which was expected to come on, failed in the hands of the committee appointed previously, and another was appointed for the coming year.

Mrs. Rogers reported that Chapters had not generally taken any action regarding the proposed industrial school. On motion, the plan was dropped.

There was a plan to publish a cook book that was brought over from last year's convention, but Mrs. McKibbin's report declared it impracticable for lack of recipes. Discussion upon this led up to the resolution to publish a magazine, and arrangements for it as told elsewhere in the *Record* history.

The disbandment of Chapter T, of Grinnell, Iowa, and Chapter L, of Bethany, Missouri, was reported, and their charters and books received. A committee on inactive Chapters gave two other Chapters six months to work up in or surrender charters. Miss Alice Coffin had died during the year, and her last letter to the Sisterhood, as given in a former page, was read during memorial hour.

In regard to one matter which P. E. O.'s would like full information upon, the minutes are meagre—that is in relation to the adoption of the P. E. O. colors. One line disposes of the subject, saying: "On motion, old gold and white were adopted as national colors." It is certain, from the personal recollections of those present, that this was done after quite lengthy discussion and proposals of different colors and combinations. As to who made the actual proposition of "old gold and white" there is difference of authority and

opinion, hence the Committee of History can only give these: First in order of time, Mrs. Effie H. Rogers, in the *P. E. O. Record* of January, 1893, answering the question who suggested the colors, and when and where, wrote: "Miss Ida Eno, of Keosauqua, was the one who suggested that the colors be white and gold—not white and yellow." The opinion that it was Miss Eno is given by Mrs. Estella Walker, of Keosauqua, in a letter to the committee on the subject. The honor is also claimed by Chapter A, of Mt. Pleasant, its authority being local Chapter minutes it has preserved. These say Chapter A appointed a committee to select colors to suggest to the committee to report at convention. They reported to Chapter A yellow and white, which Chapter A adopted, and so instructed its delegates, who reported the selection to the convention. Certain it is, the colors were selected, which seems the chief matter, and are, practically, white and yellow, "old gold" being perhaps rather dull.

Roberts's Rules of Order were commended to the Sisterhood.

Mrs. Rogers was elected for a third term.

CONVENTION OF 1889.

The seventh annual convention met at Mt. Pleasant, just twenty years after the organization of the first P. E. O. Chapter there in 1869, making it a partial celebration of that event. The evening previous to the date set for the opening of this session of the Grand Chapter, a reception was tendered the delegates at Mt. Pleasant P. E. O. Hall. Toasts, music, recitations, and general good-cheer enlivened the evening. Miss Ella Stewart, one of the original charter members, talked to the subject, "P. E. O.'s Twenty Years Ago," and Mrs. Rogers to the sentiment, "P. E. O.'s Twenty Years Hence."

At 9 A. M., Wednesday, October 16th, this session of the Grand Chapter convened at P. E. O. Hall. The President, Mrs. Rogers, conducted the opening exercises. Sixty-seven delegates were enrolled, representing twenty-six Chapters. Committees were appointed, through which a great share of convention work is accomplished.

The address of welcome, on behalf of Chapters A and AJ (the college Chapter), was given by Miss Belle Chalfant, of Mt. Pleasant, gracefully responded to by Mrs. Wightman, of York, Nebraska. A number of fine musical selections and recitations were rendered during the convention, also interesting papers were read.

On account of the rigid college rules, Chapter AJ (after S) requested that the Grand Chapter draw up and adopt a form whereby they could pledge

those whom they desired to become members until they could be fully initiated. The request was granted. Wednesday evening the session was open to visitors, and was held in the College Chapel, where the Society was organized, January 21st, 1869, by seven college girls. The programme for the evening was as follows:

Paper—"Labor the Basis of Development," by Mrs. Currier, of Thorntown, Indiana.

Vocal solo, by Mrs. Briggs, of Superior, Nebraska.

Paper—"Demands of Justice," by Mrs. Babb, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Music, by quartette, Misses McFarland, O'Neil, Lena and Anna Williams.

President's annual address—"Our Progress," by Mrs. Effie H. Rogers, of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

Closing ode and benediction.

Memorial hour was observed Thursday forenoon, chairs draped, and appropriate exercises conducted for the exemplification of the ritual. Mrs. Prof. Ferguson was initiated by the Grand Chapter. A neat, dainty souvenir was presented each member of the Grand Chapter by the President. The very interesting report of *The Record,* by Mrs. Rogers, given in another place in this history, was given; also the report of the committee on P. E. O. day at Bluff Park. The convention accepted with pleasure, from the Bluff Park Trustees, the privilege of another day on the programme for the season of 1890.

Mrs. Alice Briggs, of Superior, Nebraska, made the request that Nebraska be set aside and given permission to organize a State Grand Chapter. Permission was granted, with the understanding that it would still be under the jurisdiction of the present Grand Chapter.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Nannie Torrence, of Sigourney, Iowa; First Vice-President, Mrs. Dr. Hanchett, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Helen Dunnington, of Thorntown, Indiana; Recording Secretary, Miss Anna J. Cottle, of Fairfield, Iowa; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ella Dinwiddie, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa; Treasurer, Miss Orian Pendleton, of Centerville, Iowa.

Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Babb were re-elected editors of the *P. E. O. Record.*

Friday evening a reception was tendered the delegates and visiting sisters at the beautiful home of Senator Harlan. The floral decorations were especially attractive. Several pieces emblematic of the Order were presented by the young men of Mt. Pleasant. After refreshments and a season of sociality, an opportunity was given at the Opera House to those who indulge the terpsichorean

muse. Several hundred guests were present, and all pronounced the evening an enjoyable and decided success, thus brilliantly bringing to a close the P. E. O. convention of 1889.

MRS. NANNIE TORRENCE-STOCKMAN, GRAND CHAPTER PRESIDENT 1889-1890, BY MISS MARGARET DOOLITTLE.

Miss Nannie Torrence, a member of Chapter X, at Sigourney, after representing her Chapter at three successive Grand Chapter meetings, was elected President of the Supreme Grand Chapter on the 18th of October, 1889, at the convention in Mt. Pleasant. With her strong executive ability and characteristic loyalty of interest to whatever she undertakes, she led the Sisterhood to "enlarge its borders and strengthen its stakes." Although during her term of office Miss Torrence had many duties connected with educational work, and laid these aside to become mistress of a home, changing her name to Mrs. Stockman, she gave much time and thought to the welfare of her beloved Order.

She organized the Nebraska Grand Chapter, the first state to receive a separate charter. On January 2d, 1890, Chapter AC, of West Des Moines, gave her a beautiful reception, and on the following day she organized Chapter L in East Des Moines. She also organized Chapters at Oskaloosa, Leon, Waterloo, Ames, Bonaparte, Hampton, and What Cheer. These Chapters received her special supervision and care, gaining such help and inspiration as can come only from a sincere and personal interest.

In August, 1890, Mrs. Stockman was the life and spirit of a most enthusiastic and successful P. E. O. Day at Bluff Park, Iowa, Chautauqua. In her address, entitled "The Old and the New," she not only won laurels for herself, but by her gentle bearing, womanly tact, and excellent thought, brought honor to a host of women whom she represented, women whose several phases of life-work are brightened by the stars that radiate "Faith, Love, Purity, Justice, and Truth."

Appreciation of Mrs. Stockman's efficient services as an executive was shown by a majority of the Chapters writing her, before the Grand Chapter convention at Burlington, 1890, urging her to allow her name to be again used as a candidate for its chief office. But nothing could shake her conviction that her immediate duty lay within the realm bounded by the circle of her own hearthstone.

Mrs. Nannie Torrence-Stockman was born April 25th, 1859, in Fremont, Iowa. In early childhood she lost her father, who with a host of loyal comrades

followed the stars and stripes at fatal Shiloh. Before leaving for the war, Mr. Torrence moved his family to Sigourney, where Nannie has spent the most of her life. The little girl had much pluck and persistence, and applied herself

Mrs. Nannie Torrence-Stockman.

so well that in her sixteenth year she graduated from the High School, and at once began teaching in the rural schools. While teaching she continued her studies, and prepared her most ambitious pupils for college. After school

hours she taught Latin, German, algebra, and such studies as the law then barred from regular school work. In addition to school duties she gave a limited number of organ and piano lessons, thus keeping alert, and directing both the intellectual and the æsthetic life of the neighborhood. After ten years of teaching, the last half of which was as a principal, she was, without her knowledge or consent, nominated for County Superintendent. At the election she ran far ahead of the ticket, and made so good an officer that she was given a second term, and urged to accept a third. In the best sense of the word, Miss Torrence was a County Superintendent, for she really supervised the schools. She held meetings, gave addresses, wrote articles, and so enlisted teachers, pupils, and patrons that she successfully graded the entire county. She won high rank in the state; was an active member of state and district organizations, served on important committees and in responsible offices. She was chosen as a member of the Educational Council, a distinction coming to few women; was a very efficient member of the Reading Circle Board, and attended a number of the National Educational Associations.

In 1887 she attended the sessions of Chautauqua on the beautiful lake shore, seeing and hearing some of the men and women who had been her inspiration, and walking in the happy procession that were entitled to the honors of "graduation day."

Miss Torrence verified the adage that the "busiest people have the most time." She rested by changing work. A consistent member of the Presbyterian church, she heeded many calls from church and Sunday-school; the daughter of a soldier, she often spoke at encampments and reunions; a P. E. O., she lent assistance to both its local and its general interests; a popular young woman, she complied with the sensible demands of the social circle; the companion of her widowed mother, she found time for many a pleasant fireside hour.

It seemed that this woman was doing her life work, but "mighty love laid his hand upon her. Lo, the change!" However, it proved to be but a change in direction, for if Miss Torrence had been an inspiration and a power in education, Mrs. Stockman is an example and a blessing in the home. She was married in Sigourney, on March 12th, 1890, to D. L. Stockman, an attorney. Two boys and two girls bless the home of this worthy couple. The Stockman home is a beautiful colonial house in a wooded landscape in the outskirts of the town, and it is a center of domestic felicity, a scene of frequent social gatherings, and a place where many a friend delights to spend a restful week.

BLUFF PARK DAY.

The *P. E. O. Record* of September, 1890, contained this account of Bluff Park Day, at Chautauqua, mentioned in the sketch previous, and it is here given:

"August 13th was a day long to be remembered by the P. E. O.'s as a day of success and pleasure. Many of the Bluff Park cottages were beautifully decorated in gold and white draperies and gilded stars, and the tabernacle looked very beautiful decked in the dainty colors, white flags, and banners flying, bearing the mysterious letters P. E. O. The crowd in attendance was very large. Every train brought P. E. O.'s and friends interested in the P. E. O. Society. A special train from Burlington brought up about seventy members and the Boat Club band.

"The morning session began at 10:30, and after the opening ode, 'Blest be the Tie that Binds,' the audience was led in prayer by Prof. Ferguson, of Mt. Pleasant. Following this was a song service conducted by Prof. Sheets. Next in order was an address by Miss May Hillhouse, of Chapter AA, on the subject, 'Be Happy as You Can,' following which was a duet, 'Cheerfulness,' by Miss Clara A. McFarland, Chapter A, and Laura O'Neill, Chapter AA. 'Blanche of Devon,' by Miss May Cherry, of Keokuk, elicited unbounded applause.

"It was quite comical to hear the remarks of the small (?) boys in the boarding-hall at the noon-tide meal, in regard to the meaning of P. E. O. It is all right for the small boys to think once in awhile, and it does no harm to them, or to the P. E. O. if they decide without doubt that P. E. O. means 'pretty every one;' nor is it less flattering if the P. E. O. brothers-in-law say that '*Primus et Optimus*' should be the only meaning.

"The afternoon session commenced at 2 o'clock, and every performance was exceptionally fine and thoroughly enjoyed by every one. The following are the programmes of the afternoon and evening:

"2 P. M.

"Music—Selection by the band.
"Address—Miss Buchanan, Washington, Iowa.
"Music—Love's Old, Sweet Song, Mrs. Rose, Burlington, Iowa.
"Recitation—Margery Grey, Miss Carrie Strohm, Iowa City.
"Music—Cornet Solo, Arbuckleinian Polka, Prof. Barnhouse.
"Address—Value of Conservatism, Miss Mary Harkness, Fairfield.

"Vocal Solo—Birds in the Night, Miss Clara McFarland, Mt. Pleasant.

"Recitation—Learning to Cook, Miss Maisy Schreiner, Mt. Pleasant.

"Music—Selection by the band.

"7:30 P. M.

"Vocal Duet—Love Shall Guide, Missess McFarland and O'Neil.

"Address—Freedom, Equality, and Sisterhood, Miss Eda Sieferts, Ottumwa.

"Piano Solo—Anna Laurie, Miss Maud Risser, Mt. Pleasant.

"Recitation—How Ruby Played, Miss Anna Williams, Chapter AJ.

"Address—A Study from Shakespeare, Miss Lillian Bartlett, Mt. Pleasant.

"Address—Education, the Old and the New, Grand Chapter President, Mrs. Nannie Torrence-Stockman.

"Music—Selection by the band.

"Closing Ode—God be With You 'Till we Meet Again.

"While every P. E. O. was pleased with the literary programme and will long remember the sweet music intermingled with addresses abounding in wit, wisdom, and pathos, the memory of the reception given by Miss Eva Gregg at their cottage on the bluff will also be abiding. It was a scene for the artist, that brilliant collection of nature's fairest and best, and the impression left on the minds of all will not be early effaced."

CONVENTION OF 1890.

The Grand Chapter met at Burlington, October 15th, 1890, Mrs. Nannie Stockman presiding. The Secretary's report says sixty-nine members were enrolled, representing twenty-nine Chapters. Mrs. Ellie C. Buttles made the address of welcome, which was responded to by Mrs. Ella Dinwiddie. A committee appointed in 1889 on forming a burial ritual reported, by its chairman, Mrs. Thayer, that on January 16th, at Chariton, there had been a meeting. Mrs. Babb was not present but sent a form. Miss Randel and Mrs. Thayer had been together, and Mrs. Babb's form "was the foundation of said ritual as it now stands."

Bloomfield Chapter asked and received permission to use the same form of pledge as the college Chapter of Mt. Pleasant used.

A great deal of discussion of the *Record* was had throughout, and it was asked why it was not self-sustaining? and why it "told so many secrets?" and

why it was so small? The Chapter at Washington sent several small but significant changes in the initiation ceremony, which were adopted, one being that a lady shall be told before joining the Society some of its objects.

Representation was here fixed as follows: "Subordinate Chapters shall be represented in Grand Chapter by not more than two delegates, who shall cast the entire vote for the Chapter if instructed to do so. Subordinate Chapters are entitled to one vote at large and one for every fifteen resident members having paid Grand Chapter dues." Grand Chapter dues were fixed at 50 cents, payable annually.

Provision was made for lettering the Chapters in each state, beginning with A and proceeding through the alphabet with all alike. The expenses of the Bluff Park Chautauqua P. E. O. day hung heavily over this convention. An assessment of Chapters had been made, but payment was slow, and in the end it became necessary to take the amount left due from the treasury. It was $45.00, $84.33 having been raised by the assessment.

Two delegates were sent to this convention by the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, Miss Margaret Burrows and Miss Lena Knott. They brought one slight change in the initiation ceremony, which was made.

An entertainment bureau was instituted, to receive descriptions of all entertainments held by Chapters, also names of vocalists, lecturers, and elocutionists, so that any Chapter desiring to hold an entertainment should address the bureau for assistance. Miss Kellogg, of Garden Grove, was appointed to take sole charge of this.

A motion prevailed to organize a National Grand Chapter, and Mrs. Alice Briggs, Mrs. Joe Blanchard, and Miss Ella Randel were appointed a committee to bring in nominations for national officers. Their report, on the following names, was adopted, and they were later elected by vote: Mrs. E. H. Rogers, President; Mrs. Briggs, First, Mrs. Nannie Stockman, Second, and Mrs. Ella Higley, Third Vice-Presidents; Mrs. Jessie M. Thayer, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Mary Houseworth, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. Helen Dunnington, Treasurer. Nothing further was done in the way of a constitution or provision for a National Grand Chapter, and the matter fell into "*innocuous desuetude.*"

The convention at once proceeded after that to elect "Grand Chapter" officers, and they were Miss Orian Pendleton, President; Mrs. A. R. Dewey, First, and Mrs. Joe Blanchard, Second Vice-Presidents; Miss Annie Cottle, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Ella Dinwiddie, Corresponding Secretary;

Mrs. Ellie C. Buttles, Treasurer. These officers exercised the functions of the "Grand Chapter" officers for the year. Mrs. Babb, Miss Ella Randel, and Miss Pendleton were appointed to revise local constitutions, commit to different Chapters, and report at the national meeting. While much was done about the *Record* here, all that is told elsewhere.

MISS ORIAN PENDLETON, GRAND CHAPTER PRESIDENT, BY MRS. JOSIE T. SMITH.

My first experience in P. E. O. work, and first meeting with Miss Orian Pendleton, occurred at the convention held at Centerville, Iowa, September, 1884. Miss Mary Berry was President. Miss Pendleton, the dainty, business-like little girl, who knew how everything should be done, was elected Treasurer. She was a member of the Moulton Chapter then, but moved to Centerville a few years later. We were more careful of our secrets leaking out in those days than now, as the sessions were held in Odd Fellows' Hall, in the third story, and I think we kept the windows down and the blinds closed. The social side was very much the same then as now. We spent several months in talking it over and making preparations, and at the last there was the same rushing to and fro of frantic committees to see about the dishes and spoons, invitations and salads, and to see how your best dress was going to fit. But at last all was ready, and a happy, smiling committee met all the trains and brought the delegates to our homes. Just think what ancient history—that was before we had Society colors or flowers. How we ever had a convention without yellow and white drapery is almost past understanding. We had but one reception, a full dress affair held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Stephenson. Miss Emma McCreary was our hostess.

I cannot recall any of the business of that convention; but like all beginnings, it was necessary in the building of the structure that followed. We were allowed one delegate for every fifteen members. So the representation from different Chapters was quite uneven. We also entertained all visitors. The attendance at the convention was about seventy-five; the membership of Chapter D (then I) was about twenty-six.

Miss Pendleton was re-elected Treasurer at the succeeding five conventions. She was elected President at the convention held at Burlington, October 15th, 16th, and 17th, 1890; a delegate again to the Des Moines convention October 12th, 13th, and 14th, 1892. A record unsurpassed by any other P. E. O. in the amount of time spent in faithful service for P. E. O. interests.

The convention held at Burlington, where she was elected President, is a memorable one, from several causes. Mrs. Rogers says in her report, in the October, 1890, *Record:* "There has never been a convention in which more earnest, hard work was done than the one just held in Burlington." There had been much talk through the society for a year that we should have a national organization, or Iowa be formed into a State Grand Chapter, since Nebraska at her own solicitation had been set aside as a State Chapter in the convention at Mt. Pleasant in 1889. All seemed to think we needed some distinction, as Iowa had such a great majority of Chapters. It appeared to some of the Chapters in other states that Iowa had too much authority. Then as a number of new Chapters were being formed in distant states the work was getting unwieldy. So, after much grave discussion, we also see in the October *Record* of 1890, "steps were taken for the organization of a National Grand Chapter, and officers elected." Officers were then elected for the Grand Chapter as follows: President, Miss Orian Pendleton, Centerville; First Vice-President, Mrs. A. R. Dewey, Washington; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Joe Blanchard, Oskaloosa; Recording Secretary, Miss Annie J. Cottle; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ella Dinwiddie; Treasurer, Mrs. Ellie Buttles, Burlington. Mrs. Effie Hoffman-Rogers, of Oskaloosa, was elected editor of the *Record,* but owing to her election as President of the National Grand Chapter she declined. Miss Mary Osmond, of Osceola, was then elected, and was spoken of as "one of the most brilliant newspaper writers of the state, and at that time editor of the Osceola *Gazette.*" It is my purpose to give only a glimpse of some of these conventions and to note only those things concerning Miss Pendleton. So here is where we first acquire our Miss Osmond—our gifted, talented Miss Osmond! I wonder if she ever thinks now, since our *Record* is so prosperous and firmly established and its maintenance and prosperity assured, of the many anxious days she put in during its struggling babyhood, and of the many consultations she had with Miss Pendleton how to meet the expenses and pay the bills from an almost empty treasury. All honor to those brave pioneers who struggled along so hopefully against many disappointments!

The Society grew and prospered under Miss Pendleton's guidance. There were five new Chapters formed that year—at Ames, Bonaparte, and Hampton, in Iowa; Escondido, California, and Memphis, Missouri. We had no organizer then. All of the work and preparation of starting these Chapters was done by the President through correspondence. I do not detract in the least from the gratitude extended by the sisters for the patient, unselfish service of our officers

for the last few years; but with the smooth running machinery of organization, and a surplus in the treasury, they know nothing of the sleepless anxiety of Orian Pendleton during those first few years of imperfect organization, when order was evolved from a seemingly endless tangle. Miss Pendleton was also President of her local Chapter for several years.

The next convention was held at Fairfield, October 14th, 15th, and 16th, 1891. We quote from the November *Record* of that year concerning Miss Pendleton's work in the convention: "The President, Miss Pendleton, addressed the Grand Chapter for a few minutes. She said that since the last meeting of the Grand Chapter charters had been granted to Chapters in four states—Iowa, California, Nebraska, Missouri—and others in prospect. She felt satisfied there had been a growth in the P. E. O. The treasury of the Grand Chapter had not been well sustained, but is improving in that respect and will overcome its difficulties. She had written during the year hundreds of letters, and striven to fulfill the manifold duties of her position. Among the matters most needing the work, prayers, and support of the Sisterhood she placed the *Record*. It is the means of communication between Chapters from officers. As she talked, the minds of her sisters went back over the seven years of faithful work she had done, and silently answered her with love. She is a small, delicate woman, with a face that expresses a wonderfully sympathetic womanly quality of mind, yet she possesses so much firmness, tact, patience, and parliamentary skill that her administration has been free from mistakes. Her presiding during the convention was perfectly successful.

"When the time came for the election of officers, Miss Pendleton was re-elected unanimously on the first ballot for President, but declined. There was universal regret at this, but her long service excused her. She said her time the past year had all been occupied and she needed rest. Every time Miss Pendleton left the room for a moment all day mysterious consultations were held, and the secret was out when, immediately after the installation of Grand Chapter officers, Mrs. Spilman stepped forward and thus addressed Miss Pendleton: 'Miss Pendleton, your friends and sisters here assembled wish to present to you a small token of appreciation for your faithful service — a jewelled star has been chosen. May its jewels ever be to you symbols of our love. We feel that your labors during the past seven years have added lustre to our star, and we would now attest to you our knowledge of that by adding to yours some jewels emblematic of the fact.' Her response was one of the most sweet and feeling little speeches women ever listened to, and endeared her yet more to the convention."

There were a number of complimentary notices of the officers of this convention and those elected for the following year in the Fairfield and Des Moines papers. I quote from the *Iowa Capital:*

"The Grand Chapter President, Miss Orian Pendleton, of Centerville, is a cultured and gifted young lady, and presides with remarkable grace and ease, possessing a knowledge of parliamentary rules and a tact in handling the assembly that might well be envied by political leaders among men."

I cannot leave an account of Miss Pendleton's administration without mentioning one of her co-workers who was in the service almost the same length of time, and whose counsel and judgment were often asked for by the other members in the Sisterhood — Miss Anna J. Cottle. An informal vote at this convention gave Miss Cottle a large lead for President, but she declined. Later she also declined re-election as Recording Secretary. She had given an amount of work that few P. E. O.'s realized to this office. I hope others have written a more extended account of her labors for this work, but as her work was so closely united with the work of Miss Pendleton, I cannot refrain from giving this charming little pen picture of her as copied from the Fairfield *Ledger:*

"Perhaps no lady in the convention is more distinctively of the cultivated type of womanhood than Miss Cottle, the Secretary. Slender, erect, graceful in person, with perfect manners, quick intellect, and immense compacity for work, she is admirable."

To Mrs. A. R. Dewey, of the Washington Chapter, is due much credit for faithful, efficient work at this time, and that the Society appreciates her efforts is shown by her election as President to succeed Miss Pendleton. It was found that the steps taken at Burlington to form a National Grand Chapter had been premature and were not in accordance with the Sisterhood at large. No work was ever done by it of any kind. After the convention at Fairfield, Miss Pendleton was given a rest from arduous duties, though her counsel and advice were often asked and cheerfully given. She never shirked responsibility or little cares and duties, committee meetings, etc., and her part in her Chapter literary programmes were a sacred obligation to her.

Here the thread of her life is broken, a silent, misty vail drops between us and her. After an illness of four weeks the last, long sleep came, and her gentle spirit had gone to God who gave it. For the last sad rites Chapters D and F united in the beautiful ritual of the Sisterhood, so dear to her in life. With tear-dimmed eyes we laid the little star above the stilled heart of Orian.

She was born in Linneus, Missouri, August 24th, 1859, into a home accustomed to southern luxury and comfort. During the troublesome times following, reverses of fortune came to the family, and while quite young Orian, with the family, came to Moulton, Iowa, where so many happy years of her life were spent, and where she learned to be a practical, business-like helper to her mother and family. We are so apt, in thinking of her useful, busy life, to think it was a hard one; but she by no means considered it so. In her cheerful, sunny nature her duty was her pleasure; never grieving over the inevitable, but looking at the situation undaunted she went straight forward in a quiet, unassuming way to overcome it. Thoughtful and studious in her school years, she laid the foundation for that generous assimilation of thought and spirits of the best authors, so often commented on by her friends. In spite of her many cares and responsibilities, she was cheerful and vivacious, enjoying society and appreciating the welcome she always found in our best social circles and homes. Being deprived by death of the loving companionship of her mother soon after moving to Centerville, in 1888, she continued to be mother and sister, too, to her three brothers and little sister. To them were given the best years of her life, making a cheerful, happy home, educating and helping them to a successful career in life. She was a member of the Methodist church. Her Christian work and character attest her faithfulness in following her Master. She became a charter member of the P. E. O. Society of Moulton in 1884, and entered into the spirit of the Order with that grand conception of its aims and duties that made her a mentor to every one who came in contact with her womanly presence.

CONVENTION OF 1891.

In the convention at Fairfield, over which Miss Pendleton presided, one of the most pressing questions to be answered was the relation of Nebraska. Early in the session Mrs. Winnie Durland appeared as a delegate from the Nebraska Grand Chapter, but she came to the National Grand Chapter, and without credentials to the body there assembled. Her admission, by vote of the convention, gave her a seat. It is enough here to say that the matter of Nebraska's charter, rights, and duties was discussed long, but not settled. That was for the next convention, where it was nobly met and settled for all time. Nebraska could have had no better representative than Mrs. Durland, a woman of quick wit, ready speech, patient but persistent, and a parliamentarian of skill and resource. She is a member of the Washington, Iowa, Chapter, and has

been so ever since the disbanding of the Norfolk, Nebraska, Chapter, of which she was a member. Her former home was in Washington, hence it became her P. E. O. home. During several of these years she did service for P. E. O. in different capacities.

Sixty-two members were enrolled at this convention, representing thirty Chapters. They met in Odd Fellows' Hall. Among other matters, we notice a committee, which had been appointed at the previous convention to prepare P. E. O. songs, sent in no report! There seemed to be none then. An attempt was made to have the Chapter designations be numbers instead of letters. More time was spent upon considering the *P. E. O. Record* than any other one thing. Subscriptions had brought in $376.25, and advertising $32.25. Literary programmes in the evening sessions were usual, and that of Thursday was a fine one.

At the previous convention an Entertainment Bureau had been established to assist Chapters to select and procure good entertainments for social or money-making purposes. Its chairman, Miss Alice Kellogg, reported it a failure, not being patronized by Chapters. It was decided to take up a programme of literary work alike for all the Chapters during the year, and that made out by the West Des Moines Chapter was adopted.

MRS. SARAH R. DEWEY, BY MRS. F. L. WILSON.

Mrs. Sarah Rousseau-Dewey's star first appeared in the P. E. O. firmament at Washington, Iowa, September 12th, 1885, and was hailed with pleasure, for we well knew her worth. She brought to us culture, a loving nature, and executive ability, and her influence will always be felt in our midst. Her star has ever grown brighter, and its worth increased by the valuable services rendered so cheerfully to P. E. O. here and elsewhere. Four times has she been chosen in our Society (then Q now J) to the highest office, that of President, and as many more times Vice-President, and all the other offices for various terms. All through the minutes of our meetings her name appears, on literary programmes, heading important committees, serving as delegate to conventions, and preparing papers for the same, and opening her hospitable home many times for our meetings. Her loving service shows that P. E. O. is dear to her heart.

Her father, Dr. Rousseau, came from Kentucky in an early day, and was a skilled physician, practicing in Washington for a number of years. Her

mother, who died when she was five years old, came from Illinois, and was well connected. Later, after the death of her step-mother, the care of brothers and sisters fell on her young shoulders.

On May 20th, 1873, she married a promising young lawyer, Mr. A. R. Dewey, better known in later years throughout Iowa as Judge Dewey, from his twelve years service on the bench. He has also been very prominent in Masonic circles over the state. They have two children, Mabel and Charles, to whom Mrs. Dewey has always been an ideal mother, being their dearest friend and most trusted companion. Charles is now a rising young lawyer in his home city. We were proud to welcome Mabel as a P. E. O. in 1890, and she proved herself a worthy daughter of her mother, holding various offices in our Society. Her fine musical talents were always cheerfully used on many occasions for our home Chapter, and many may remember her beautiful songs at Grand Chapter conventions. Long will her sweet songs, which touched our hearts, linger in our memory. In April, 1901, she married Churchill Brooking, and moved to Pueblo, Colorado.

Mrs. Sarah R. Dewey.

While her children were away attending college, Mrs. Dewey accompanied her husband to the cities where he held court, thus becoming personally acquainted with a number of P. E. O. Chapters. Many are the sorrowing ones she has comforted. In the fall of 1892, when her only sister died, far from home, we in turn comforted her.

Club work has always interested her. In 1887 she graduated from the Chautauqua Circle, and has since won a number of seals, now being a member of "The Reading Class," which is composed of Chautauqua graduates. The highest office in the Eastern Star was filled for some time acceptably by her, also in the Nineteenth Century Club. She is an active member of the Methodist church, and always ready with a helping hand in benevolent and philanthropic enterprises of the city, such as the "Rest Room Association," "Sunset Park," and helping to get a free kindergarten.

Her work in the Grand Chapter began in 1886, when she was chairman of delegates to the convention held at Washington, and has extended to the present time, ever increasing in importance. At the 1886 convention she was appointed a member of a committee to revise the Grand Chapter constitution, and while presiding at Des Moines, in 1892, appointed another committee, with Mrs. Babb chairman, to revise the constitution again. She was delegate to the P. E. O. convention at Mt. Pleasant, in 1889; again at Burlington, in 1890, where she was elected First Vice-President of the Grand Chapter. At Fairfield, in 1901, she was chosen to the highest office, President of the Grand Chapter, now Supreme Grand Chapter. Her judgment and executive ability were needed in the trying year that ensued. That we safely passed the critical time in 1892, at Des Moines, when the Supreme Grand Chapter was clearly defined, was due to her tact and wisdom. At that convention she presided with dignity and grace, and brought it to a happy close. Weary with the work, she refused re-nomination. At Waterloo, in 1893, she helped in the organization of the State Chapter. After this we find her work more with the Supreme Grand Chapter, which she attended at Newton, Chicago, and Des Moines. At Chicago she was appointed P. E. O. Historian, with the privilege of choosing her committee. The task has been stupendous, but we think they were wise in their selection, for with her wide acquaintance among P. E. O.'s no one is more familiar with P. E. Oism.

The larger field of usefulness has absorbed so much of her time that of late she has refused all offices in our local Chapter, though always a faithful worker. Her modest and unassuming ways, her lovely disposition, her culture and refinement, her tact and executive ability have endeared her to all, and show us that the principles of P. E. O. are well illustrated in her life. To her we have turned for counsel, and always found her advice just and sensible. Many times have we gone to her discouraged and ready to leave our post of duty, and came away strengthened and ready to go on.

When in the higher life she answers to the admonition, Sister, be faithful, she can truly reply, "I have been faithful."

MRS. DEWEY'S ADMINISTRATION—CONVENTION OF 1892.

During this period the mistakes previously made as to the supreme head of the Order had caused serious embarrassments, and by personal correspondence of officers with each other, and through copious discussion by many writers in the *Record*, the situation was becoming understood, and nearing a solution. The Nebraska call, as given, for a convention in Des Moines, just before the supreme meeting, would be the crisis. The report of this, as Miss Osmond wrote it for the *P. E. O. Record*, in connection with the Supreme convention, is selected for this history, and as the whole convention was a notable one, it is copied almost entire:

"The wearers of the little golden star assembled in the Central Christian Church, in Des Moines, on the morning of October 12th, and the hum of greetings and introductions mingled with that of comment on the pretty adornments of the church. Beautiful potted plants stood in front of the great pipe organ and on either side of the pulpit, and the President's desk had a big vase of yellow and white tea roses, making the air fragrant. Soft yellow and white draping all around the galleries seemed to blend well with the color scheme of the church. 'Welcome,' was the word on the doors. Large emblematic stars were placed where they should be. As the throng came in it was soon seen a certain number wore a special badge of white and yellow ribbon. These were the Des Moines Sisterhood, members of Chapters L and AC.

"Most of those who met that morning were not entire strangers, for on Tuesday evening an informal reception had been held at the Savery House, which was universally considered a good time.

"NAMES OF DELEGATES.

"A, Mt. Pleasant—Mrs. W. I. Babb and Mrs. A. L. Punton.
"B, Fairfield—Mrs. Carrie Stubbs, and Alice L. Heald.
"C, Leon—Olive B. Caster.
"F, Bloomfield—Belle Traverse and Mary Davies.
"G, Farmington—Florence Kelley.
"H, Hopkins—Bertha Wray and Susan Strain.
"I, Centerville—Mrs. Josie F. Smith and Orian Pendleton.

"J, Iowa City—Mrs. C. A. Byington and Mrs. Ida Swisher.
"K, Bonaparte—Ida McConnaughey.
"L, East Des Moines—Daisy Green and Laura Fitch.
"M, Moulton—Kate Hubler and Lou E. Hornady.
"N, Ottumwa—Mrs. Alice Spilman and Mrs. Mame White.
"O, Albia—Vesta Boardman.
"P, Keosauqua—Margaret Brown and Harriet Sloan.
"Q, Washington—Mrs. F. L. Wilson and Eva Denney.
"R, Hampton—Natallia Hemingway and Mrs. Belle S. Haecker.
"S, Osceola—Sara H. Carter and Nellie Painter.
"T, What Cheer—Mary C. Platt, Myra Burlingame.
"U, Thorntown, Indiana—Mrs. Ida Matthews.
"W, Unionville, Missouri—Nina Shearer.
"X, Sigourney—Gertrude Adams and Grace Harlan.
"Y, Knoxville—Mrs. Kate Wilson and Mrs. Lou Donley.
"Z, Chariton—Mrs. Lizzie Smythe and Jessie M. Thayer.
"AA, Burlington—Miss Kate Boeck.
"AC, Des Moines—Mrs. G. L. Godfrey, Mrs. Luella McHenry, and Mrs. D. G. Edmundson.
"AG, Cameron, Missouri—Miss Mary V. Craig.
"AI, Cedar Falls—Mrs. C. N. Boehmler.
"AJ, Mt. Pleasant—Marcia Earnest.
"AM, Garden Grove—Louise Flannagan and Lucy Neilson.
"AN, Lyons, Kansas—Hattie W. Marshall.
"AO, Keokuk—Mrs. W. H. Bowman and Miss Lou E. Boyer.
"AP, Milton—Ida L. George.
"AQ, Clarinda—Mary Butler and Mrs. Mary B. Clark.
"AR, Atlantic—Bertha C. Morrison.
"AT, Waterloo—Siddie F. Richards and Della M. Platt.
"AU, Winterset—S. Marie Lyons.
"AV, Oskaloosa—Mrs. Walter Campbell and Dora L. White.
"AY, Ames—Mrs. Dora S. Osborn.
"B, Memphis, Missouri—Helen Baker and Mrs. R. D. Cramer.

"The session opened with the singing of 'Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow,' and a prayer by President Mrs. A. R. Dewey.

"During the opening exercises every one had noticed a group of ladies seated by themselves somewhat toward one side of the church. Immediately

on the opening of business a motion was made, and carried without dissent, that they should be allowed a seat and vote in the convention as delegates from Nebraska. They were:

"A, York—Virginia Corbett.

"D, Superior—Mrs. Alice C. Briggs.

"E, Omaha—Mrs. F. B. Bryant.

"G, Hastings—Mrs. Kittie M. J. Dutton and Mrs. Grace B. Kipp.

"H, Holdrege—Mrs. Dora C. McNaul.

"I, Wahoo—Mrs. Anna Wyckoff.

"These ladies had been delegates representing the Chapters named, and participating in the convention of the 10th of October, which met pursuant to the call as published in the *Record* some time since. Immediately following the vote admitting them to the convention, Mrs. Alice Spilman read the report, given below, of the convention mentioned, which the Grand Chapter adopted as part of its records. It was listened to with profound interest, as it gave the solution of the great problem that had been occupying the attention of P. E. O.'s for many months.

"THE CONVENTION OF OCTOBER 10TH.

"According to call, delegates from the several states met in Parlor C, Savery Hotel. Mrs. Patrick, President of Nebraska Grand Chapter, being ill, the meeting was called to order by Mrs. Briggs, Vice-President of Nebraska Grand Chapter, who moved that Mrs. A. E. Clark, of Des Moines, act as chairman. She declined, as she was not a delegate to this meeting, as also did Mrs. Wilson, of Washington. Mrs. Spilman, of Ottumwa, was nominated, but declined. Miss Etta Budd, of Ames, was then nominated, and accepted. Moved, by Mrs. McNaul, of Holdrege, Nebraska, that Mrs. F. B. Bryant act as Secretary. Moved, by Mrs. Briggs, the proper password be taken up. Carried. The President appointed Miss Reynolds, of Des Moines, as Guard. Committee on Credentials, Mrs. Briggs, Miss Corbett, and Miss Morrison, who reported as follows:

"I, Wahoo, Nebraska—Mrs. Wyckoff.

"E, Omaha, Nebraska—Mrs. F. B. Bryant.

"F, Plattsmouth, Nebraska—Mrs. F. B. Bryant.

"G, Hastings, Nebraska—Mrs. Dutton.

"D, Superior, Nebraska—Mrs. Alice C. Briggs.

" H, Holdrege, Nebraska—Mrs. Dora McNaul.
" J, Nelson, Nebraska—Mrs. Alice C. Briggs.
" J, Centerville, Iowa—Miss Pendleton.
" AT, Waterloo, Iowa—Mrs. Siddie Richards.
" N, Ottumwa, Iowa—Mrs. Spilman.
" L, Des Moines, Iowa—Mrs. Reynolds.
" AM, Garden Grove, Iowa—Alice Kellogg.
" AR, Atlantic, Iowa—Bertha Morrison.
" A, York, Nebraska—Virginia Corbett.
" P, Keosauqua, Iowa—Lulu Jones.
" U, Thorntown, Indiana—Mrs. Ida Matthews.
" Q, Washington, Iowa—Mrs. Hattie Wilson.
" F, Bloomfield, Iowa—Effie Fortune.
" AC, Des Moines, Iowa—Mrs. J. L. Mason.
" AT, Ames, Iowa—Miss Etta Budd.
" O, Albia, Iowa—Mrs. Mabry.

" Moved and carried, by Miss Morrison, that Mrs. Briggs state the object of the meeting, as said meeting had been called by Nebraska Grand Chapter. Mrs. Briggs briefly stated the object was to form a supreme power for our Sisterhood and the discussion of a National Grand Chapter. Miss Morrison raised the question, was there a sufficient representation present to legalize any action taken? It seemed to be the sense of the meeting there was not. Mrs. Spilman then in well chosen words explained to the convention the views entertained and the stand taken by the P. E. O. Sisterhood. Miss Corbett thanked Mrs. Spilman for her explanation, saying it explained what had not been understood. A lengthy discussion followed, questions asked, and explanations given.

" At the opening of the meeting a feeling of antagonism was quite apparent, but as the meeting progressed, and after many explanations had been made and it being conclusively proven that intentional injustice had not been done, and the mistakes were purely of the head and not of the heart, we were intuitively drawn more closely together and more than willing by all present to confer together at this convention and formulate plans for the future that would be lasting.

" Mrs. Spilman moved that we, the delegates here assembled, recognize the Grand Chapter of P. E. O. as the supreme power of the Order and consent to enter into the convention to meet here in Des Moines, October 12th, 13th,

and 14th, to devise ways and means for the good of the Order. This motion was withdrawn by Mrs. Spilman, with consent of her second, until she could make another, as follows:

"Moved, by Mrs. Spilman, and seconded by Mrs. Jones, that the delegates here assembled representing Chapters outside of Nebraska, do pledge ourselves to use our influence so that the courtesy of a seat in Grand Chapter of P. E. O. to convene in Des Moines be granted to these representatives from Nebraska, and that a state charter, legally adopted by the Grand Chapter of P. E. O., be given Nebraska in exchange for the one she now holds, provided Nebraska recognizes the Grand Chapter of P. E. O. as the supreme power of the Order. Carried.

"The original motion was then read by Mrs. McNaul, and unanimously carried. By this action the work of the convention was done, and it adjourned.

"It would be impossible to describe the spirit of content and pleasure with which this report was heard. It was more than a formal agreement. The spirit was there as well as the letter, and from that hour the convention was one, the visitors from Nebraska freely participating in its deliberations and assisting in devising plans. All selfishness and prejudice had been banished by the wisdom and kindness of the delegates who met on Monday evening.

"Routine business succeeded after this, the following committees being appointed:

COMMITTEES.

"*On Credentials.*—Hattie Sloan, Keosauqua; Miss Mary Craig, Cameron, Missouri; Miss Susie Lyons, Winterset, Iowa.

"*On Chapter Reports.*—Miss Lou Boyer, Keokuk; Miss Laura Fitch, East Des Moines; Miss Florence Kelley, Farmington, Iowa.

"*On Local By-Laws.*—Mrs. Jessie Thayer, Chariton, Iowa; Mrs. Hattie Wilson, Washington; Mrs. J. A. Carter, Leon, Iowa.

"*On Resolutions.*—Mrs. J. M. Richards, Waterloo; Miss McConnaughey, Bonaparte; Miss Sara Carter, Osceola, Iowa.

"*On Finances.*—Miss Vesta Boardman, Albia; Mrs. Edmondson, West Des Moines; Grace Punton, Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. H. E. Osborn, Ames; Mrs. Belle Haecker, Hampton.

"*On Auditing Treasurer's Report.*—Miss Orian Pendleton, Centerville; Miss Lou Donley, Knoxville; Miss Jennie Hudson, Meade, Kansas.

"*On Memorials.*—Mrs. Walter Campbell, Oskaloosa; Belle Traverse, Bloomfield; Mrs. Stubbs, Fairfield, Iowa.

"*Committee on Record.*—Mrs. Otto Byington, Iowa City; Miss Bertha Morrison, Atlantic; Mrs. Mary Platt, What Cheer.

"*Press Reporters.*—Miss Mary Osmond and Miss Bertha Morrison.

"The minutes of the last convention were read, and reports of Grand Chapter Officers were heard. Mrs. Dewey read an excellent address, the review of the year's work that she had done. She stated that she had organized, or authorized the organization of, ten Chapters. She pointed out a number of matters which needed revising in the work of P. E. O., to bring our usages into better harmony. It was considered so able a presentation of the matters treated that a committee consisting of Eva Denny, Gertrude Adams, and Alice Babb was appointed, on a motion unanimously carried, to consider its recommendations and report upon their adoption. The Secretary's report to Chapters will show how they proceeded and what was adopted by the convention.

"The Secretaries reported upon their labor during the year, and there are few who would undertake so much work as Miss Dixie Cornell and Miss Ella Randel did this year for the Sisterhood. The Treasurer's report was read by Miss Kate Boeck, Deputy for Mrs. Buttles, whose little son had claimed her attention for the past few months:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Number of Chapters paying Grand Chapter dues	41
Number of new Chapters organized	10
Amount received for Grand Chapter dues	$ 939.75
Amount received for miscellaneous	47.59
Amount on hand at beginning of year	274.05
Total	$1,261.39
Amount spent for organizing new Chapters	$ 24.38
Amount paid out for deficiency on *Record* this year	153.15
Catalogue bill	65.00
Amount paid for officers' stationery	48.16
Miscellaneous	1.25
Total	$ 291.94

Total amount received	$1,261.39
Total expenditures	291.94
Amount remaining in treasury October 10th	$ 969.45

"The afternoon session opened with music, and an address of welcome by Mrs. J. L. Mason, President of Chapter AC, which was so graciously given that every delegate present felt glad to be the guest of the Chapters of the Capital. Their pleasure was fitly expressed in Miss Cornell's response.

"Just at this time the proceedings were pleasantly interrupted by Mrs. Spilman presenting to the convention a beautiful gavel, the gift of Chapter N, of Ottumwa. It is ivory with an ebony handle, the P. E. O. star and the date 1892 being set in gold in the ivory. Presenting it, Mrs. Spilman made this short address:

"While gathered here from our various homes, Chapter N wishes to testify in a small way her gratitude to the supreme power of P. E. O.'s, the power which, when separated and divested of official authority, is found to be composed of sisters; but collectively and behind the throne, represents the dearest and sweetest of all relationship—motherhood.

"May our hearts always be filled with filial love—may we ever remember the protecting arm which guided us in our infancy, and now that we have grown in years and strength, may we still look to you for wisdom to continue to guide our ambitious footsteps toward the highest round of the ladder of fame which the progressive womanhood of the nineteenth century is seeking.

"Yet, in our upward climb—held fast by mother-love—may we not forget our other relationship—for are we not sisters, too? And as sisters may we always exercise the charity which it was Christ's mission on earth to teach.

"In presenting you, the supreme power, with this gavel, we do so with our hearts filled with this double love, the love of a daughter and the love of a sister.

"May the decisions announced by the fall of the gavel be wise and just. May it always, in opening the sessions of our family council, usher in the spirit of peace which shall envelope each and every one of our Sisterhood, and when its last fall shall announce another separation may we all go to our distant homes carrying with us, as the five points of this golden star direct—more faith, more love, more purity, more justice, more truth.

"Mrs. Josie T. Smith read a paper, 'P. E. Oism,' full of good thoughts, and listened to with much interest.

"All thoughts had been turning to the evening hour, the public meeting. The church was packed to its utmost capacity with P. E. O.'s and their friends. A brilliant organ voluntary by Miss Nash, followed by Dr. Breeden's invocation, opened the entertainment. Mrs. Dewey presided over the meeting with rare grace, and delivered an address that was full of thought for womanly enterprise and plans. It showed her to be a student of the tendencies and movement of women's societies of the present. Mrs. Ella Godfrey sang entrancingly, 'That Night in June,' and the audience would see the beautiful singer and hear her again, and she responded with another song.

"Mrs. Alice Babb read a paper, 'The Burro,' which kept the audience smiling at its wit and admiring its thought. After describing a trip over the mountains and an experience with the burro, she gave the audience a splendid dissertation on the attributes of that much-talked of animal, and drew from its chief characteristic, stubbornness, a number of wholesome lessons for human beings, who turn the world by persistence. The burro she took as the emblem of this quality, and it was surprising how human and sensible the beastie seemed. Mrs. Babb's manner of reading is perfect, and although her paper was long, the hearers showed unabated attention and interest throughout.

"After this, a butterfly drill by eight young ladies of the DesMoines High School. Down the steps to the platform they came in Greek dress of soft cream colored material, each holding in her uplifted hands a long, soft yellow scarf. They gave a drill in postures, movements, and marches, every one of which was a picture. The white, bare arms held aloft the scarfs, with trailing ends, all the while, and forming tableaux occasionally, making in all a revelation of graceful pose and movement that few of the P. E. O.'s had ever seen equalled. Finally, they gave their last and best; a young lady in the center holding a large P. E. O. star and her scarf in a way that made a picture itself, and the others forming accessory portions. They were trained by Miss Sue Ankeny.

"Miss Helen Steckel, a Bloomfield P. E. O., at this point gave a piano solo, which was well received by the audience, and made a happy contrast of melody after the still, slowly moving pictures that had held the attention so closely just before.

"A recitation, 'Cleopatra,' by Mrs. Carrie M. Ogilvie, the programme said next. They might have said correctly, 'A Role.' Mrs. Ogilvie possesses decided histrionic abilities, and the audience soon saw a fine bit of acting was being presented. She came slowly down the steps to the floor, advancing to a

couch richly upholstered in gold color, and reclining on its pillows, began a soliloquy, a reminiscence of her life with Antony, that it seemed as if Cleopatra herself might be uttering. Her trailing black draperies and the diaphanous black covering of her arms and neck, with the yellow couch, gave effect to the idea her speech ran on into, of the existence in past æons of herself and Antony as tigers, in a desert life. She arose, pacing up and down with vehement gesture and voice, in action the ideal Cleopatra, an exponent of supreme womanly power and passion that carried the audience in high wrought sympathy.

"Cheery and gay, a contrast with the intensity of the previous piece, was Mr. Weaver's whistling solo. It was the airiest, sweetest, shrillest music that can sound, and sent everybody's spirit up to its highest mark. It was encored rapturously, and he gave another as good as the first. Now, Mr. Weaver isn't a P. E. O., but his charming sister, Miss Laura Weaver, is, and his cousin, Mrs. Briggs, and it is allowed unto a man who possesses such accomplishments, and has P. E. O. relatives, to assist them in entertainments. In fact, P. E. O.'s plume themselves on possessing a superior set of male relatives, who are a great help on such occasions, and are frequently called upon.

"The convention opened on Thursday with devotional exercises, conducted by Mrs. A. E. Clark, First Vice-President. Mrs. Belle Haecker, of Hampton, rendered a solo, to the delight of all. Her musical abilities are, unlike so many others, always available when called upon.

"After the transaction of miscellaneous business pertaining to the Order, the memorial hour arrived. After a fitting hymn was sung, the Society heard first a tender account of the loss of Mrs. Orson Luin and Mrs. Jewett, of Des Moines, read by Mrs. Ogilvie. Miss Pendleton gave Centerville's departed sister, Mrs. Lucy Sapp, a touching obituary. Laura West Smith has gone from Ames, and her memorial was read by Mrs. Herbert Osborn. May Harris and Lulu Young, the Thorntown sisters, were remembered in Mrs. Ida Matthews' paper. Unionville has lost two sisters, Mrs. A. Harris and Mrs. Stille, and the memorial paper was read by Miss Nina Shearer. Burlington's dead sister, Mrs. Velma Cowles, was fitly remembered in Miss Kate Boeck's paper. Ella S. Parrish, of Garden Grove, was remembered in a paper by Miss Louise Flannagan. The last was read by Mrs. Alice Briggs, in memory of Mrs. Ida L. Scott, of Holdrege, Nebraska.

"The afternoon of Thursday came, and after music the Question Box appeared. Various difficulties not easily decided by the Chapters alone were settled in this time. It was followed by several committee reports.

"The Committee on the *Record* gave its report. It recommended the expenditure of some money to procure a suitable design for a front cover of the *Record*, but no action was taken especially on that subject. The income and expenditure and subscription list of the magazine were the subjects of much scrutiny. It has cost the Society much less this year than any other of the four of its life. At a later date the report of the editor of the *Record* was made, about as follows: The *Record* is not yet on a self-sustaining basis. It has six hundred and fifty subscribers. This year a contract was made to do the printing of six hundred copies per month, embracing the entire work on the magazine. More have been required almost from the first month, and provision must be made for publishing nearly or quite seven hundred to supply the need of advertisers and extras, with the subscribers. Those sending letters were advised to send so as to reach the office a little before the 25th. The idea of a better design on the cover is a good one. There is a considerable amount to be collected on advertising yet at the end of the year. The expense is entirely paid, between last October and this, by the Grand Chapter assisting to the amount seen in the Treasurer's report.

"Friday morning, devotional exercises were conducted by Miss Pendleton.

"The discussions of various matters during the previous days had required the appointment of several special committees.

"The Constitution and By-Laws of Nebraska were assigned to a committee consisting of Miss Orian Pendleton, Mrs. Ida Matthews, and Miss Mary Craig.

"A committee to draw up a form to be used in state charters was appointed, composed of Mrs. Mame White, Mrs. Alice Briggs, Mrs. A. J. Durland, and Mrs. Kate Wilson.

"Business was suspended at about 11 A. M. to visit the Capitol, the ladies of the Des Moines Chapter having chartered two cars for the purpose. A very enjoyable hour was spent there.

"The afternoon of Friday was crowded with miscellaneous business. A uniform system of study was to be adopted, and Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Wyckoff, and Mrs. Thayer were appointed a committee to select from those presented to them. They selected one made by Chapter AC, of Des Moines.

"The question of name of the highest Grand Chapter occupied much attention, and caused debate both now and previously in the convention. It was shown that to call this body, then in session, 'The Grand Chapter' only, often caused confusion with other Grand Chapters. Several names were proposed, and at last the title was chosen of 'The Supreme Grand Chapter,' which will appear in its records, seal, etc., hereafter.

"Some attempt was made to reduce Grand Chapter dues to 50 cents per year, but it was not considered best at the present time to do so. It was moved, by Mrs. Briggs, and carried in the convention, that one-third of Nebraska's Grand Chapter dues shall be set aside for the Supreme Grand Chapter, and two-thirds retained by that Grand Chapter.

"The question came before the convention relative to preparing to join the federation of Women's Clubs, but it was not favored, and abandoned.

"It has long been desired by some of the members, that the Society should be incorporated. Mrs. Alice Babb moved, and it was carried, that two of the Des Moines sisters be appointed to consult legal authority in Des Moines as to the matter. Mrs. W. A. McHenry, of Chapter AC, and Mrs. Green, of Chapter L, were appointed, and at a later time gave their report. Mrs. McHenry related how they visited various legal gentlemen of Des Moines, high in the profession and also high in various secret orders. It was remarkable to observe that their advice as to the desirability of incorporating was of the most opposite character. Usage in secret societies is not uniform, some being incorporated, some not. The ladies had informed themselves very thoroughly, and answered many questions. It was decided to incorporate, and the previous committee was retained for the purpose of completing the work.

"A committee which has a large work before it this year is one to prepare a uniform constitution for State Grand Chapters, and to revise the Supreme Grand Chapter Constitution and By-Laws. They are Mrs. Alice Babb, Mrs. Alice C. Briggs, and Mrs. Ida Matthews.

"Another committee to report at the next Supreme meeting in Waterloo, in October, 1893, was composed of Mrs. Alice Babb, Mrs. F. B. Bryant, and Mrs. R. D. Cramer, to prepare a form for charters for states and for local Chapters which would be uniform.

"The new constitution, which has been considered by all the Chapters this year past, failed to secure the necessary majority, owing, it was judged, from reports, to one or two objectionable features. It will be sent again to each, with this removed, by an amendment that the Supreme Grand Chapter adopted.

"During the afternoon, Mrs. Siddie Richards brought up the subject of choosing a Society flower. She spoke eloquently of its inspiration to the members, and hinted at its use to poets among us. At a later hour it was decided to adopt one, the Corresponding Secretary securing the votes of the Chapters to forward to the Supreme Grand Chapter during the year, and the flower in the majority will become our floral emblem.

"The very important business of election of officers was the last of this Friday afternoon's session. Miss Nina Shearer, of Unionville, and Miss Belle Traverse, of Bloomfield, were made tellers. Mrs. Dewey declined, gently but firmly, to be a candidate or accept any election. She stated that she had given to her work all her spare time this year, so that reading or any other form of self-culture had to be given up. The work was arduous, although she enjoyed it, and it was out of the question for her to accept it again.

"The Grand Chapter and the Sisterhood appreciate Mrs. Dewey's labors this year. She has had the hardest year's work ever given a President of P. E. O., owing to the matters now happily settled, and which any hasty, ill-considered action on her part might have made very serious.

"Mrs. Jessie M. Thayer was elected President. Mrs. Thayer is a woman of much culture, derived from travel, books, social advantages, and possesses a goodness of temper, and heart, and intelligence, and above all, great devotion to P. E. O. Mrs. Cramer is a modest lady with a well stored mind and experienced in the affairs of societies other than P. E. O. as well as in it. The Recording Secretary, Dora McNaul is—well, she is just a P. E. O. whom the hearts of her sisters can safely trust in. Among her accomplishments is the art of elocution, and she can make a bright little speech all out of her own head, when it is needed, too. Miss Randel, with her kindly ways and attention to duty, we have long known. Mrs. Matthews is of that faithful and live Chapter U, at Thorntown. She has a good business capacity and will make a fine Treasurer. Mrs. Buttles has served in that capacity two years, and done a great deal of work from which she will now be relieved.

"It would never be just, nor satisfying to the members of the convention, to pass over the work done by Mrs. Durland as Vice-President without commending it. Often this officer is not actively engaged, but Mrs. Durland was invaluable. Her knowledge of parliamentary rules and of P. E. O. law is far more than most, and she is a fine speaker, with all of it at command. Her assistance was freely given and of great service. Mrs. Dewey's patience, grace, and impartiality as a presiding officer were well supplemented by Mrs. Durland's abilities in the lines mentioned. The First Vice-President, Mrs. A. E. Clark, has equally endeared herself to the Society by her quiet helpful efforts for their pleasure and entertainment while in Des Moines, and for the strong effort she made, requiring much time and correspondence, to obtain reduced rates on the railroads.

"The election over, more work loomed up, although the evening hours were speeding. A resolution passed that the Executive Board carry out plans for representation at the World's Fair. The editor of the *Record* was re-elected by acclamation for another year.

"Mrs. Kittie Deitrick was empowered to form a Chapter in South Chicago. Mrs. Dietrick, by the way, is one of the early P. E. O.'s, having been initiated at Jacksonville, Illinois, in 1874.

"It was at a late hour, indeed, that the ceremony of installation was attended to, and for a brief while the convention saw seated in their places the officers who will care for the Society during the year.

"THE SOCIAL FEATURES.

"Never, perhaps, have the delegates to a Grand Chapter meeting found more hard work on their hands, and at the same time had so many social opportunities afforded them. First came the reception at the Savery, on Tuesday evening. Wednesday Mesdames W. R. Warfield and Albert Grefe entertained a number of P. E. O. delegates at the Des Moines club-rooms. The club-house was handsomely decorated for the occasion. The dinner, of six courses, was served in the large dining-room. At the left of the entrance stood a large table covered with magnificent floral decorations. On the tablecloth were the letters P. E. O. made of cut flowers and pinned to it. In the center of the table was a large star formed of pink carnations and yellow roses. The waiters employed at the club served dinner, and each wore the colors of the Order. Thursday, at 5 P. M., Mrs. Carrie M. Ogilvie entertained a large number of the delegates at tea, to meet Mrs. A. R. Dewey. At 8 P. M., the same evening, a reception was given by Chapters AC and L, in honor of the visiting members, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Israel, on Eighth street. The house was abundantly decorated in the P. E. O. colors, a profusion of white and yellow roses being used. Upon the piano was a magnificent star of yellow and white roses. Between the parlor and dining-room was a curtain of smilax. The mandolin orchestra, stationed in the library, furnished music for the lower floor throughout the evening. The third floor was devoted to dancing. Kromer & Thayer's orchestra furnished music for the well-arranged programme of dances. The members of the two Chapters extended the heartiest welcome to the visitors, and the reception was such a pleasant event that it will long be remembered. In the dining-room refreshments were served throughout the evening. Upon the table was formed a star of yellow ribbons, in the center of which was placed

a bowl of white roses. From the chandelier above to the points of the star were festooned ropes of smilax. As the guests left the dining-room they were presented with a silken ribbon of white, with the letters 'P. E. O., A. C. and L.' upon it in gold, as a souvenir of the event.

"On Friday evening Miss Fitch and Mrs. J. L. Mason each entertained a number of delegates at a tea party at her home.

"WHOSE GUESTS THEY WERE.

"In coming years it may be of interest to note by whom the members of the convention were entertained. According to the list given in the city papers, they were guests as follows: Mrs. T. E. Clark and Miss Julia Foster, of Clarinda, of Mrs. A. Hiatt; Mrs. W. R. Durland, of Norfolk, Nebraska, of Mrs. A. E. Clark; Mrs. Otto Byington and Mrs. Abe Swisher, of Iowa City, of Mrs. G. H. Ragsdale; Mrs. F. C. Platt and Mrs. Richards, of Waterloo, of Miss Mary McClelland; Miss Wood, of Cameron, Missouri, and Miss Jennie Hudson, of Meade, Kansas, of Mrs. Tinsley; Mrs. Walter Campbell and Miss Dora White, of Oskaloosa, of Mrs. Dr. McCarty; Miss Sara Carter and Miss Nellie Painter, of Osceola, of Mrs. Winnie Garver; Miss Bertha Morrison, of Atlantic, and Miss Florence Kelley, of Farmington, of Mrs. Will McHenry; Mrs. Alice Babb, of Mt. Pleasant, of Mrs. W. R. Warfield; Mrs. Belle Haecker, of Hampton, and Mrs. Grace Punton, of Mt. Pleasant, of Mrs. G. L. Godfrey; Mrs. Ida E. Matthews, of Thorntown, Indiana, of Mrs. W. E. Ballard; Mrs. Josie Smith and Miss Orian Pendleton, of Centerville, of Mrs. W. C. Cole; Mrs. Sara Wilson and Mrs. Herbert Osborn, of Ames, of Mrs. James Wyman; Miss Ida George, of Milton, of Miss Jennie Chase; Miss Hattie Sloan and Miss Maggie Brown, of Keosauqua, of Mrs. Irish; Miss May Proctor, of Hampton, of Mrs. Florence Russell; Mrs. Mame White and Mrs. Alice Spilman, of Ottumwa, of Mrs. Grefe; Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Boehmler, of Cedar Falls, of Miss May Goodrell; Miss Eva Denny, of Washington, of Mrs. Frank Carleton; Miss Gertrude Adams and Miss Grace Harlan, of Sigourney, of Mrs. H. R. Reynolds; Miss May Davies and Miss Belle Traverse, of Bloomfield, of Miss Louise Wheeler; Miss Kate Boeck, of Burlington, of Mrs. Brewer; Mrs. C. E. Stubbs, of Fairfield, and Miss Corbett, of York, Nebraska, of Miss Earhart; Miss Alice Heald, of Fairfield, of Miss Hollingsworth; Mrs. Ada McConnaughey, of Bonaparte, of Miss Morey; Mrs. R. D. Cramer and Miss Helen Baker, of Memphis, Missouri, of Miss Emily Burnett; Miss Lou Boyer and Miss Olive Sutton, of Keokuk, of Mrs. Mans-

field; Miss Nina Shearer, of Unionville, Missouri, of Miss Georgia Warrick; Miss Kate Hubler and Miss Lou Hornaday, of Moulton, of Miss Nellie Fairall; Mrs. Emma Larimer, of Chariton, of Mrs. Huttenlocher; Mrs. Jessie Thayer, of Chariton, of Mr. Temple's family; Mrs. Burlingame and Mrs. Mary Platt, of What Cheer, of Mrs. Matthews; Miss Louise Flannagan and Miss Lucy Neilson, of Garden Grove, of Miss Nellie Matthews; Miss Lou Donley and Kate Wilson, of Knoxville, of Mrs. T. M. Knotts; Miss Vesta Boardman, of Albia, of Miss Hast; Mrs. Alice Briggs, of Superior, Nebraska, of General Weaver and family; Mrs. Bryant and Mrs. McNaul, of Mrs. John Wyman; Mrs. Kipp and Mrs. Dutton, of Mrs. Cassidy; Mrs. Wyckoff, of General Baker and family; Mrs. Olive Caster, of Leon, of Miss Jennie Kreigh; Supreme President Mrs. Dewey and Miss Dixie Cornell, of Mrs. J. L. Mason; Miss Osmond, editor of *Record,* of Mrs. Fannie Trent.

"THE PROGRAMME ADOPTED.

"Here is the programme for 1892 and 1893, prepared by Chapter AC. They said in reporting it: 'Our Chapter was requested to prepare a programme for the coming year's literary work of the P. E. O. Sisterhood. As only women are eligible to membership in our Society it occurred to us that a study of the history of womankind would be of especial interest to us all. And, too, we have studied about men, mostly, for the past few years. While working at the programme, we realized how much the subject might include, and that it could be extended over several years. But we could only touch on topics that would well repay one for a thorough study. We feel like writing *ad libitum* at the head of the programme, for all, as in music, are at "liberty to introduce whatever embellishments fancy may suggest," and stopping as they choose on interesting topics. This programme is only intended for an outline, and the names only suggested, expecting that each society will add to it as they choose. Papers on the characters would be especially fitting for our *Record*, and would add interest to it this year. If different ones would send a list of references to books and magazines where articles on the character can be found, in advance of our programme, it would be a great assistance, and would make the *Record* indispensable, especially to those who are on the programme. We all feel helpless sometimes when assigned a part, and do not know where to look for an interesting account, though we are certain that somewhere there is just what we want.

"'We would suggest that each Chapter appoint a programme committee to arrange for the programme, to fill it out and adapt it to the needs of their

society, and vary it so that it will not get monotonous. We think that the programme ought not to be obligatory, but to be for the use of those societies who desire a uniform course of study.'

"PROGRAMME.

"Describe the home life and surroundings, social customs, dress, etc., of the time in which they lived.

"WOMEN OF THE BIBLE.

"Rachel; Jezebel; Esther; Mary, the mother of Jesus; and Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus. (Reference, 'Women of the Bible,' published by American Tract Society).

"WOMEN IN ANCIENT HISTORY AND MYTHOLOGY.

"Helen of Troy; Semiramis; Zenobia; Sappho; Theodora; Paula, and Cleopatra. (Gibbon's 'Roman History;' Lord's 'Beacon Lights of History,' Vol. V.).

"Position of Women in China, Japan, India, Turkey, and Russia.

"WOMEN OF NORWAY.

"WOMEN OF SWEDEN.

"Christina ('Memoirs of Christina of Sweden,' by Henry Woodhead); Jennie Lind Goldschmidt ('Life of Jennie Lind,' by N. P. Willis); Christine Nilsson (Harper's Magazine, Vol. XXXVII., 1868).

"WOMEN OF GERMANY.

"WOMEN OF PRUSSIA.

"Queen Louise.

"WOMEN OF AUSTRIA.

"Lepoldine, Archduchess of Austria.

"WOMEN OF ITALY.

"Queen Margherita.

"WOMEN OF SPAIN.

"Queen Isabella.

"WOMEN OF SOUTH AMERICA.

"Maria, daughter of Dom Pedro.

"WOMEN OF MEXICO.

"Mahildi ('Mexico and Its Religions,' by R. A. Wilson, page 37).

"WOMEN OF CANADA.

"WOMEN OF FRANCE.

"Joan of Arc (Lord's 'Beacon Lights of History,' Vol. V.).

"Women of the Salon—Madame Roland, Madame de Stael (Century Magazine and 'Beacon Lights of History.')

"Women of the Ruling Families.

"Rachel ('Life of Rachel,' by Nina H. Kenard), Mlle. de Corday, Mrs. Siddons.

"WOMEN OF ENGLAND.

"Queens of England—Isabella, of Edward I.; Margaret of Anjou, of Henry VI.; Katharine of Arragon, of Henry VIII.; Anne Boleyn ('Memoirs,' by Miss Benger); Katharine Parr; Mary, First Queen Regnant of England and Ireland; Elizabeth, Second Queen Regnant of England and Ireland; Mary, First Queen Regnant of Great Britain and Ireland; Anne; Victoria. ('Queens of England,' Agnes Strickland, and 'Beacon Lights of History.')

"Other Notable Women—George Eliot (life by Blind), Mary Lamb (life by Gildinst), Charlotte Bronte (life by C. E. Gaskell), Caroline Herschel (Memoirs by Mrs. J. Herschel), E. B. Browning (by Ingram), Jane Austen (by Malden), Mary Wollstonecraft (1797) (by E. R. Pennell), Harriet Martineau (1876) (by Mrs. F. W. Miller) Elizabeth Fry (1845) (by Mrs. E. P. Pitman), Mary Somerville ('Character Sketches,' by Stevens), Susanna Wesley (by Eliza Clarke), Marie Edgeworth (by Helen Zimmen), Amelia B. Edwards, Florence Nightingale, Lady Henry Somerset, and others.

"WOMEN OF THE UNITED STATES.

"Colonial Women—'Betty Alden.' ('Standish of Standish,' by Jane Austin).

"Presidents' Wives—('Ladies of the White House').

"Women in Literature—Prose: Louise M. Alcott, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Mrs. Frances Hodgson-Burnett, Marietta Holly (Josiah Allen's Wife), Helen Hunt Jackson (prose and poetry), Constance Fenimore Woolson, Miss Murfree (Charles Egbert Craddock), Alice French (Octave Thanet). Poetry: Alice and Phœbe Cary, Ella Wilcox, Edna Dean Proctor, and others.

"Art—Mrs. Ketcham, Miss Hess, Harriet Hosmer.

"Reformers—Frances Willard, Susan B. Anthony, Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Julia Ward Howe, Belva Lockwood, Mrs. Jenness-Miller.

"Church and Missionary Work—Margaret Bottome, Mary Lowe Dickinson, and others.

"Bread-Winners—Mrs. Kate Pier and daughters, lawyers; Mrs. Frank Leslie, journalist; M. J. Walker, M. D.; J. Ellen Foster, lawyer; Kate Field, lecturer and journalist; Mrs. Mary A. Livermore, lecturer; Clara Louise Kellogg, Maggie Mitchell, Mary Anderson, Fannie Davenport, Ida M. Van Etten, President Working Woman's Society.

"Science—Maria Mitchell.

"Education—Mary Lyon, Mrs. Alice Freeman Palmer.

"Notable Housekeepers—Mrs. J. A. Logan, Mrs. Cyrus Field, Mrs. Levi P. Morton, Mrs. George J. Gould, Marion Harland.

"Miscellaneous—Mrs. Potter Palmer and others.

"Each meeting answer to the roll call by Current Events on World's Fair News.

"WOMEN OF FICTION.

"'Armada,' in Tasso's 'Jerusalem Delivered.'
"'Mrs. Bardell,' Dickens' 'Pickwick Papers.'
"'Juliet,'' Shakespeare's 'Romeo and Juliet.'
"'Portia,' 'Merchant of Venice.'
"'Lady Macbeth,' 'Macbeth.'
"'Christiana,' Bunyan's 'Pilgrim's Progress.'
"'Cinderella,' Fairy Tales.
"'Jane Eyre,' Charlotte Bronte.
"'Fata Morgana,' Fairy.
"'Mrs. Gamp,' Dickens' 'Martin Chuzzlewit.'
"'Gloriana,' Spencer's 'Fairie Queen.'
"'Griselda,' Chaucer's 'Clerk of Oxenford's Tale.'
"'Lalla Rookh,' Thomas Moore.
"'Lady Bountiful,' Farquhar's 'Blon Shalaghn.'
"Aurora Leigh,' Mrs. E. B. Browning.
"'Mrs. Malaprop,' Sheridan's 'The Rivals.'
"'Margaret,' Goethe's 'Faust.'
"'Mignon,' Goethe's 'Wilhelm Meister.'
"'Meg Merrilies,' Scott's 'Guy Mannering.'
"'Rebecca,' Scott's 'Ivanhoe.'
"'Dolly Varden,' Dickens' 'Barnaby Rudge.'
"'Mother Bunch,' Fairy.
"'Ramona,' Helen Hunt Jackson.
"'Hypatia,' Charles Kingsley.
"Miss Ophelia,' 'Uncle Tom's Cabin.'
"'Romola,' George Eliot, and others."

ADMINISTRATION OF MRS. JESSIE M. THAYER—CONVENTION OF 1893.

In April, 1893, the committee, left standing at the last convention, on incorporation of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, made their report of what was done in the P. E. O. *Record,* as follows, since which the Sisterhood has been a corporate body:

"REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON INCORPORATION.

"The Committee on Articles of Incorporation are at last able to report to the P. E. O. Sisterhood, we hope to the satisfaction of all. The articles may easily be amended at the next convention of the Supreme Grand Chapter.

"Article 1 applies to the signers of the articles, not to the whole membership of the Sisterhood.

"Article 3 will need some explanation. In forming a corporation some place of business must be named. It must have definite location. As the articles of incorporation were to be filed at Des Moines, we named that place, but this may be changed at any time by vote of the delegates at any convention.

"Article 4 covers much ground, but we were preparing for the future as well as the present.

"Just a word as to Article 7. Our Society is in many respects differently constituted from any society we found incorporated. The money and business operations of nearly all corporate bodies are in the hands of three or four trustees, these trustees being under bonds. As our Society has no such officers, we named the Executive Board. But in case this corporation should ever have property to manage or lawsuits to attend to, these trustees, located as centrally as possible, would prove advantageous to the Society.

"Hoping this report will meet the expectation of the members appointing us, we remain, Yours sincerely,

"LUELLA B. MCHENRY,
"DAISY C. GREEN,
"*Committee.*

"ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE SUPREME GRAND CHAPTER OF THE P. E. O. SISTERHOOD.

"ARTICLE 1. We, the undersigned, all being citizens of the United States of America, and the State of Iowa, under and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 2, Title 9 of the Code of Iowa, do hereby associate and unite ourselves as a body corporate under the name and style of the Supreme Grand Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood.

"ARTICLE 2. The object of this corporation shall be the physical, moral, social, and intellectual improvement of women and for charitable and benevolent purposes.

"ARTICLE 3. The principal place of business of this corporation shall be at Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa.

"ARTICLE 4. This corporation shall have power to sue and be sued. It shall have and use a common seal. It shall have power to take, receive, purchase, and hold real estate and personal property. To make by-laws for the management of its affairs, sell and transfer real estate and personal property; to lease and re-lease, to let and sub-let real and personal property; and in the management of its funds that may accrue in the regular manner provided by the constitution of the said Sisterhood, it shall have power to loan any surplus it may have on hand and enforce collection thereof by ordinary legal process.

"ARTICLE 5. All members of the Supreme Grand Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood who are now in good standing under the laws of the said Chapter, or who shall hereafter become members of the same, shall be members of this corporation.

"ARTICLE 6. The private property of the members of this corporation shall not be liable for its corporate debts.

"ARTICLE 7. The Executive Board provided for by the constitution of the said Society shall be managers of the business of this corporation, and shall hold, manage, and control any and all property of this corporation as trustees of the same. Such Board for the first year shall consist of the following persons: The President of the said Society, Mrs. Jessie M. Thayer; Mrs. Winnie R. Durland, Mrs. R. D. Cramer, Miss Ella Randel, Mrs. Dora C. McNaul, and Mrs. Ida Matthews.

"ARTICLE 8. These articles may be amended in any manner that shall be ordered by a vote of the said Grand Chapter at any annual convention thereof.

"LUELLA B. MCHENRY.
"DAISY A. GREEN.
"CARRIE M. OGILVIE.
"MRS. H. REYNOLDS.
"MRS. S. KURTZ.
"MRS. A. E. CLARK.

STATE OF IOWA, } ss.
POLK COUNTY, }

"Be it Remembered, That on this day of January, A. D. 1893, before me, the undersigned, a notary public, within and for said county, personally came Luella B. McHenry, Daisy A. Green, Carrie M. Ogilvie, Mrs. H. Reynolds, Mrs. S. Kurtz, Mrs. A. E. Clark, personally to me known to be the identical persons who subscribed to the foregoing articles of incorporation, and severally acknowledged the execution of the same to be their voluntary act and deed for the purposes therein set forth.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto affixed my official signature and my notarial seal, at Des Moines, in the County of Polk, and the State of Iowa, this 21st of February, 1893.

[L. S.] "W. H. MCHENRY, JR.,
"*Notary Public, Polk County, Iowa.*"

This report was endorsed by the Supreme convention of the next October.

The convention of 1893, at Waterloo, enrolled fifty-six delegates, the World's Fair register being brought there and used for the purpose, as it has been at each convention since. There were also seventy proxy votes brought by the delegates, and the whole subject of proxy votes was given a discussion. Twenty-five proxy votes were held from Nebraska by Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Patrick, the delegates from that Grand Chapter. Besides these members from Nebraska, the following officers and delegates attended:

President—Jessie Mallory Thayer, Chariton.
First Vice-President—Winnie R. Durland, Norfolk, Nebraska.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Sallie Gray-Cramer, Memphis, Missouri.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Laura E. Couch (pro tem.), Waterloo.
Corresponding Secretary—Ella Randel, Ottumwa.
Treasurer—Minnie Osgood, Chicago.
Mt. Pleasant—Mrs. Alice Babb and Grace Roberts.
Fairfield—Mrs. J. E. Williamson and Alice L. Heald.
Leon—Mrs. Belle Harvey.
Brooklyn—Magdalene Landis.
Bloomfield—Emma McAtee and Ollie Rominger.
Farmington—Mrs. Lizzie Thero.
Centerville—Mrs. Josie Smith and Isabelle Wooden.
Iowa City—Mrs. J. W. Whetstone, and Mrs. Sadie Lefevre.
Bonaparte—Mrs. Ada McConnaughey.
East Des Moines—Mrs. Daisy Green and Mrs. Jennie Carleton.

Moulton—Mrs. Ollie G. Pulliam and Frankie Singley.
Ottumwa—Mrs. Alice S. Spilman and Mrs. Ella P. Swartz.
Albia—Mrs. Etta De Arnold.
Keosauqua—Mrs. Josephine Miller.
Washington—Mrs. A. R. Dewey and Ida C. Roberts.
Hampton—Mrs. Natallia Hemingway.
Osceola—Mary Osmond and May Beard.
What Cheer—Miss Madge Beem.
Knoxville—Mrs. Marie Vawter and Mrs. Nettie S. Hart.
Chariton—Emily McCormack.
Burlington—Agnes M. Bock.
Des Moines—Mrs. Lulu A. McHenry and Mrs. Jennie M. Ballard.

The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Siddie Richards, in a very pleasing and witty manner. The response by Vice-President Mrs. Cramer was read by Miss Gillespie, of Memphis, Missouri.

It was at this convention that the custom began of the entertaining Chapter arranging with a local organization to furnish dinners in some hall altogether for the delegates, thus giving an opportunity for an hour's pleasant visiting.

The President, Mrs. Thayer, gave a report on general conditions, urging an extension of the work to fresh fields. Ten new Chapters, outside of the three in Nebraska, had been started in the year. A plate for charters of local Chapters had been engraved, costing $28. The Chapters paid $3.00 each for a charter. The President reported writing four hundred letters, mainly owing to uncertainties about the laws of the Order.

The time of the convention was almost wholly occupied by the discussion and voting upon the newly revised constitution for Supreme, State, Grand, and local Chapters. It was read by Mrs. Babb, section by section, and adopted as finally decided upon. It was shorn of all secret work, and ordered printed for the first time, which was done at the office in Osceola where the *Record* was printed, Miss Osmond, editor of the *Record*, and Mrs. Babb reading the proofs. It was sent out early in 1894 to the Chapters.

The formation of the Iowa Grand Chapter being imminent, the re-lettering of the Chapters was necessary, but was accepted with some natural reluctance by Chapters which had long existed under a letter, thus growing familiar as part of their Chapter. The lettering up to this time of the Chapters was as follows, excepting Nebraska, which had already been re-lettered, beginning with A.

Iowa—A, Mt. Pleasant; B, Fairfield; C, Leon; D, Oskaloosa; F, Bloomfield; G, Farmington; H, Council Bluffs; I, Centerville; J, Iowa City; K, Bonaparte; L, East Des Moines; M, Moulton; N, Ottumwa; O, Albia; P, Keosauqua; E, Washington; Y, Knoxville; Z, Chariton; AA, Burlington; AC, West Des Moines; AF, Rock Rapids; AI, Cedar Falls; AJ, Mt. Pleasant; AM, Garden Grove; AO, Keokuk; AP, Milton; AQ, Clarinda; AR, Atlantic; AT, Waterloo; AU, Winterset; AV, Oskaloosa; AX, West Liberty; AY, Ames; BA, Vinton; BC, New Sharon, and BB, Humeston.

Missouri—B, Memphis; H, Hopkins; W, Unionville and AG, Cameron.

Kansas—AB, Meade; V, LaCrosse, and AH, Lyons.

California—AK, Oceanside; B, Escondido, and —, Los Angeles.

Indiana—AD, Knightstown and S, Thorntown.

Illinois—AH, Jerseyville.

District of Columbia—E, Washington.

Michigan—AW, Detroit.

Arkansas—AZ, Eureka Springs.

Some of these letters had been used before by disbanded Chapters, others when organized being given the disused letter. The committee on re-lettering from the previous convention had arranged all but the Iowa Chapters according to the date of their admission, and this committee was continued to ascertain the dates of admission of Iowa Chapters and re-letter them accordingly. The report on the World's Fair expenses announced them to be $234.03.

The reports from Chapters showed little as to the choice of a floral emblem, and, upon motion, the convention proceeded to select from nominations from the floor. The marguerite, calla, yellow and white roses, cosmos, and daisy were proposed. The marguerite was chosen by a good majority, and proved a very popular emblem.

At this time the change was made from annual conventions to biennial, and they are still held in that way.

By the new constitution the Treasurer must give a bond, and this was fixed at twice the amount of property to be held by her, with sureties; bond to be given within thirty days. Another requirement of the constitution was the election of a new officer, the Organizer. The Supreme Grand Chapter was also obliged by the new constitution to rent its own room to hold conventions in, and pay all expenses except the entertainment of delegates.

Shattuck's Manual was adopted instead of Roberts's Rules of Order, heretofore used. Mrs. Alice Briggs was elected President.

LIFE OF MRS. JESSIE M. THAYER.

Mrs. Jessie Mallory-Thayer, tenth President of the Supreme Grand Chapter of P. E. O., is a native of Illinois, but has lived since infancy in Iowa. Her first work in the Sisterhood, outside of her local Chapter, was as a member of the committee appointed at the Mt. Pleasant convention, in 1889, to prepare a burial ritual for the Order. Mrs. Thayer was installed President, in Des Moines, October, 1892, and served one year, declining renomination at Waterloo, in 1893. During her term of office the constitution of the Sisterhood was revised, a committee consisting of Mrs. Babb, Mrs. Briggs, and Mrs. Thayer having been appointed for that purpose. The work of the committee was placed before the Waterloo convention, and, after careful consideration, was adopted as a whole, and printed for the first time.

Mrs. Jessie Mallory-Thayer.

Mrs. Thayer, acting under the advice of the other officers, arranged for the representation of P. E. O. in the Woman's Building at the World's Fair in Chicago. The Sisterhood were fortunate in securing a large space in a most desirable position among the many organizations represented on the second floor of the building, which was prettily decorated and furnished, and afforded a resting-place for many weary P. E. O.'s. Miss Minnie Osgood, now Mrs. Smythe, was placed in charge of the P. E. O. headquarters, and was untiring in her efforts to do everything possible for the pleasure and welfare of all visiting sisters. The great yellow and white register bears the signatures of hundreds who found their way to this pleasant little P. E. O. home. Mrs. Thayer was fortunate in having associated with her a most efficient and loyal corps of officers, who never failed to carry their full share of the heavy burden of work that the reorganization of the Sister-

hood into State Chapters brought upon all in authority at this time. The work of the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Ella Randel, was especially heavy during these two years, and no Secretary ever performed her duties more faithfully or gave a President more able assistance.

Mrs. Thayer closed her work by presiding over what is remembered as "the great constitutional convention," in Waterloo, a task which made heavy demands upon the presiding officer, and also on those presided over.

MRS. ALICE BROOKS-BRIGGS, BY MRS. EFFIE H. ROGERS.

Many cultivated women have been at the head of the Supreme Grand Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, but a more gracious one never filled the

Mrs. Alice Brooks-Briggs.

office than our eighth President, Mrs. Alice Brooks-Briggs. A charming woman in every sense of the word; possessing an attractive personality, she

wins friends wherever she goes, and to have known and been intimately associated with her makes one's life better. She has many graces of mind and heart that bind her to her friends and make her admired and loved by all who know her—one woman in a thousand; a queen. Her manner is gracious and her presence an inspiration towards all that is pure and good. Mrs. Briggs is a singer of more than local fame, possessing a voice of marvelous power and sweetness.

Alice Cary Brooks was born near Bloomfield, Iowa, December 29th, 1848. Educated at the Iowa Wesleyan University, at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. December 9th, 1867 she was married to Abby J. Briggs, at her home in Mt. Pleasant. She has one child, a son.

She was initiated into the P. E. O. Sisterhood April 10th, 1889, at Superior, Nebraska. As an officer Mrs. Briggs has few equals. She has held the following offices: Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and Recording Secretary of Chapter D, Superior, Nebraska; first Grand Chapter President of Nebraska, elected in March, 1890; Supreme Grand Chapter President in 1893-1894. She installed the officers of the Iowa Grand Chapter at the time Iowa organized into a State Grand Chapter. She has been President of Chapter A, Chicago; Chaplain of Chapter A, Chicago, for several years, and it can be said of her not only has she filled well the offices, but has invested them with dignity and grace.

During the time she was Supreme Grand Chapter President she issued the following dispensations: Queen City, Missouri; Hutchinson, Kansas; organized Missouri Grand Chapter October 14th, 1894; Los Angeles, Cal.; Great Falls, Montana; Seneca, Kansas. The foundations of these Chapters were well laid and stand as a monument to Mrs. Briggs' good judgment and ability as a presiding officer. Her name will go down into P. E. O. history as one of the most earnest, faithful and loyal P. E. O.'s that has ever graced the Sisterhood. An honor to womanhood and an inspiration to higher, better living. She built wisely and well.

Mrs. Briggs resides in Elkhart, Indiana, where prosperity and all of life's good things are coming to her in great abundance. Her many friends, more especially those of her schooldays, will rejoice with her in all things that tend to add to her joy and happiness.

TWELFTH SUPREME CONVENTION.

The Supreme convention met at Omaha, October 16th, 17th, and 18th, 1895, and owing to the fact that the entertaining Chapter E, of Omaha, was small in

number, and the homes scattered in the city, the members were entertained at the Millard Hotel. The Sisterhood was represented by Chapters in eleven states at this time, and had eighty-four Chapters altogether. The report given by the President, Mrs. Briggs, told that ten Chapters had been disbanded during the life of the Order. During the biennial period of her administration six Chapters, and the Missouri Grand Chapter, had been organized.

The list of officers and members attending follows:

President—Mrs. Alice C. Briggs.

First Vice-President—Miss Ida L. Palmer.

Recording Secretary (pro tem.)—Mrs. Kate E. Williams.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Daisy T. Riggs.

Treasurer—Miss Minnie Osgood.

Organizer—Mrs. Winnie R. Durland.

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President—Mrs. Lulu McHenry.

Past President—Mrs. Alice Spilman.

Delegates—Mrs. Emma Payne, Bloomfield; Mrs. Flora Herring, Fairfield; Mrs. Mame D. White, Ottumwa; Mrs. Maud C. Anderson, Albia; Mrs. Ida E. Wherry, Keosauqua; Miss Emily Steele, Knoxville; Mrs. Clara C. Goltry, Chariton; Mrs. Mary D. Irish, Des Moines; Miss Dora Rodenback, Cedar Falls; Mrs. Walter Campbell, Oskaloosa; Mrs. Huldah Reed, What Cheer; Mrs. Siddie Richards, Waterloo; Miss S. Conner, Clarinda; Mrs. Lucia Whitney, Rock Rapids; Mrs. Anna Batman, Nevada.

NEBRASKA.

Past President Mrs. F. B. Bryant, Omaha; Mrs. Sabelle Day, Superior; Mrs. Huldah Miller, Holdrege; Mrs. Mary E. Frush, Wahoo; Miss Virginia Corbett, Lincoln; Mrs. Mary E. Munro, South Omaha.

MISSOURI.

Mrs. Jas. Gillispie, Memphis.

Phoebe Doty, Escondido, California.

Olive Parker, Detroit, Michigan.

Mrs. Martha F. Steele, Seattle, Washington.

Mrs. Kittie E. Deitrick, Chicago, Illinois.

The Omaha convention was a typical Supreme Grand Chapter meeting, observing the formalities and many pleasant informalities, the friendly spirit manifest throughout. The address of welcome was heartily given by Mrs.

Maude Louden, of Chapter E, Omaha. The response was by Miss Ida Palmer, of Detroit, Corresponding Secretary of Supreme Grand Chapter, after which the business of convention was taken up.

Mrs. Briggs urged the formation of State Grand Chapters whenever practicable. She was also interested in putting the *Record* on a more substantial footing, and it was at this convention that Mrs. Richards' plan of supporting it by a per capita tax was adopted. Mrs. Spilman, Mrs. Wherry, and Miss Doty, were *Record* committee. It was reduced to twelve pages instead of sixteen, as always before.

A memorial was presented to Supreme Grand Chapter from the Iowa Grand Chapter, that the remaining members of the original seven be made life members of the Supreme convention, and was adopted.

Revision of the constitution adopted and printed two years before was considered necessary, and Mrs. L. L. Whitney, of Rock Rapids; Mrs. Spilman, of Ottumwa, and Mrs. R. D. Cramer, of Memphis, Missouri, were appointed a committee on revision, to report at next Supreme convention.

Mrs. Alice Spilman was elected to succeed Mrs. Briggs as President.

MRS. ALICE SELLERS SPILMAN, BY MISS MARY OSMOND.

Alice Sellers was born at Topeka, Kansas, February 15th, 1859, but when she was a year old her parents moved to Iowa, and lived in Albia, and in Oskaloosa. Here (in Oskaloosa) she graduated from the high school, and began teaching at seventeen. After one year's teaching in Oskaloosa, over two years in Albia, and six in Ottumwa (part of the latter as a principal) she married Dr. S. A. Spilman, December 26th, 1886. One son has blessed the union of this prosperous, happy pair. Mrs. Spilman united with the Christian church at fourteen years old, and is a faithful worker in it. Indeed, a tireless worker everywhere, with great capacity for planning, she is invaluable to any organization, and P. E. O. has had a very large share of her interest and benefited by her ability.

Mrs. Spilman was a charter member of Chapter G, Ottumwa, organized May 27th, 1885, holding most of its offices in turn, always being one of its leaders. There are few Supreme conventions that she has not attended. She was Vice-President two terms, beginning at Albia in 1887. Was President of the Iowa Grand Chapter the first year after its formation, in October, 1893. A fitting honor, as its creation was so much due to her.

In 1895 Mrs. Alice Spilman was elected Supreme President, thus rounding her cycle of service to the Order. She possesses parliamentary skill and

practice of a high order, perfect self possession, firmness without obstinacy, and excellent general judgment. She is one of the quick, intense people, seeing clearly, and acting upon her knowledge without fear. Few women's achievements merit the epithet "brilliant" as much as Mrs. Spilman's, so much is done and so well.

Mrs. Alice Spilman.

The Supreme Grand Chapter convention met in Newton, Iowa, October 13th, to 15th, 1897.

MEMBERS:

President—Mrs. Alice Spilman.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. R. D. Cramer.

Recording Secretary—Virginia Corbett.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Emma C. Hyatt.

Treasurer—Minnie Osgood.

Organizer—Mrs. Winnie R. Durland.

Past Presidents—Mrs. A. R. Dewey and Mrs. Jessie M. Thayer.

IOWA.

President—Mrs. Walter Campbell.

Past Presidents—Mrs. Lulu A. McHenry and Mrs. Flora C. Herring.

Delegates—Mrs. May Snider, Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Maud C. Anderson, Albia; Mrs. Estelle B. Walker, Keosauqua; Mrs. Leonora Shivvers, Knoxville; Mrs. Julia N. Robinson, Cedar Falls; Mrs. Katherine Stearns, Garden Grove; Mrs. Helen J. Ballinger, Keokuk; Mrs. Daisy A. Green, Des Moines; Mrs. Siddie F. Richards, Waterloo; Miss Nettie Israel, Ottumwa; Mrs. Belle Haecker, Hampton; Mrs. Carrie B. Collier, Clarinda; Miss Jean M. Cash, Winterset; Mrs. Ida Shrader, Brooklyn; Mrs. Susie G. Smith, Nevada; Mrs. Carrie G. Hunter, Newton; Mrs. Eva Burgy, Marengo; Miss Laura P. Cozad, Prairie City.

NEBRASKA.

President—Mrs. Clara A. West.

Delegates—Mrs. Berta C. Fox, Nelson; Mrs. Laura L. Allen, Superior; Mrs. Candace W. Black, Bloomington; Mrs. Carrie Hapeman, Minden; Mrs. Ella L. Allen, Omaha.

MISSOURI.

President—Mrs. Sallie Gray-Cramer.

Delegate—Mrs. Beulah F. Keller, Memphis.

ILLINOIS.

Mrs. Emma R. Pratt, Chicago.

The Committee on Revision of Constitution had made thorough work of it, and the chairman, Mrs. Lucia Whitney, presented it section at a time, the work occupying the larger part of the session. No great changes were made, but unnecessary clauses or words not needed were eliminated. Permission to a state to retain its charter as long as it had three Chapters was given. The instrument, so changed, was accepted, and, of course, reprinted, that being done in Chicago, Mrs. Pratt proof-reading it, and attending to the business details under Mrs. Herring's directions.

Mrs. Ella Allen, of Omaha, presented the matter of P. E. O. being represented at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, to be held in 1898, and the convention decided to be represented.

Mrs. Jessie M. Thayer made an earnest plea for a memorial to the founders of P. E. O., in the shape of a building for a music hall for the Iowa Wesleyan University, at Mt. Pleasant. Action was deferred upon the matter, but the impression was made that the Society should unite on such an object.

Chapters at Clinton and Vermont, Illinois, and Shelton, Washington, received charters. Discussion on the *Record* developed the fact that an eight-page magazine, as this had been for the past two years, was not satisfactory, and it was changed back to sixteen pages, with Mary Osmond as editor.

Mrs. Spilman had presided with dignity and grace, but felt one term as much as she could give to the service, for the work of P. E. O. was so great before this that it took a President's time almost to the exclusion of every other matter. Mrs. Flora Herring was elected President.

Mrs. Emma R. Pratt, of the Chicago Chapter, invited the next Supreme convention to meet in that city, and it was accepted.

BIOGRAPHY OF MRS. HERRING, BY MISS MARY OSMOND.

Mrs. Flora Chester-Herring was born near Fairfield, Iowa, and educated in its schools and the State Normal School. For nine years she taught in Fairfield, and resigned to marry Charles A. Herring. Their home is in Fairfield—

Mrs. Flora Chester-Herring.

a happy, well-kept one, where hospitality reigns. Mrs. Herring was elected to every office but that of Treasurer in the Fairfield Chapter. Then she was elected Secretary of the Iowa Grand Chapter at the Chariton convention in 1894; served at Ottumwa in 1895, and at Winterset in 1896. She was next

elected President of the Iowa Grand Chapter, at Winterset, in 1896, and served one term, presiding at the Knoxville convention in 1897. Her work as Supreme President has been told, and at the end of that very successful administration she declined re-election. She did fine work for the Order during her terms as State and Supreme President, giving it unity, coherence, and a progressive tendency. She was equipped with an almost *verbatim* knowledge of the constitution and unusual parliamentary skill. A better presiding officer than she was at the Supreme convention in Chicago, in 1899, could not be found in any Order. The tirelessness of her work is to be inferred from her having written eight hundred and sixty-four letters while Supreme President. Mrs. Herring had the rare quality of controlling where she had the right to do so, without offending by assuming too much, and never failing to be kind and considerate.

At the end of her term as Supreme President she was sent by the Supreme convention to Denver to organize the first Chapter in that state, which she did February 17th, 1900. Since then, as Past President, her work has been done in State and Supreme conventions. Being a ready speaker, with clear ideas, she makes a great impression on a convention, whether she champions or opposes a measure.

In the period immediately following the Newton Supreme Grand Chapter convention, and under the Presidency of Mrs. Herring, who was elected there, there was one event that required work and judgment of the Executive Board, and Mrs. Herring especially. The convention had revised the constitution, but its manuscript form was full of erasures, interlineations, additions, etc., made necessary by the decisions upon it when presented. Immediately this revised constitution awaited the finishing touches, and to Mrs. Herring's home went the committee appointed to do what was needed, and worked with her. They were Mrs. Alice Spilman, former Supreme President, and Mrs. Ella Allen, of Omaha, the Supreme Vice-President. Still later Mrs. Estelle Walker, of Keosauqua, spent several days with Mrs. Herring engaged in the same work, and when ready it was sent to the printer. This was Mrs. Allen's last labor for the Sisterhood. Less than three weeks later she passed away, failing to rally from a severe surgical operation. Her death was a great shock to the Sisterhood, which valued her highly, and it took from Mrs. Herring a trusted adviser.

During 1898 the Supreme Executive Board arranged for the Trans-Mississippi Exposition in Omaha, and shared with the Women's Congress a room

in the Nebraska building. It was fitted with our colors, and contained the large framed original seven group, and on a stand lay the big register first used in Chicago. Then the Women's Congress of the exposition gave P. E. O.'s the opportunity of being first of the organizations to entertain the public. October 6 was P. E. O. day, and with Mrs. Herring presiding, the following program was rendered in the First Congregational church:

MORNING SESSION, 10:00 O'CLOCK.

Opening Ode.

Devotional Exercises, Conducted by Mrs. Berta C. Fox, Nelson, Nebraska.
Music—Vocal solo .....Mrs. Belle Haecker, Hampton, Iowa.
Omaha Welcomes P. E. O. .....Mrs. Jenny Bryant, Omaha.
Greeting from Bureau of Education of Trans-Mississippi .....
.....Mrs. Kittie Loughridge Dutton, Hastings, Neb.
Response .....Mrs. Flora C. Herring, Fairfield, Iowa.
President Supreme Grand Chapter.
Paper—Objects and Aims of P. E. O....Mrs. Emma R. Pratt, Chicago, Ill.
Music—Sonata—Op. 13, First Movement, Beethoven.....
.....Mrs. Ida C. Wagner, Plattsmouth, Neb.
Paper—Backbone.....Mrs. Carrie E. McNaughton, Villisca, Iowa.
Reading .....Miss Ella M. Crawford, Lincoln, Neb.
Principal Nebraska College of Oratory.

AFTERNOON SESSION, 2:00 O'CLOCK.

Music—Polonaise, Mignon, Thomas-Pease ....Miss Mabel Cobb, York, Neb.
Paper—Per Gradus.....Mrs. Birney Dysart, Queen City, Mo.
Paper—A Laboratory Study.....Miss Virginia Corbett, Bozeman, Mont.
Music—Whistling Solo.....Mrs. Carrie Alexander, Wahoo, Neb.
Reading.....Mrs. Walter Campbell, Oskaloosa, Iowa.
President Iowa Grand Chapter.
Music—Solo, "Be True," Bochert.....Miss Warner, York, Neb.
Address—Rays from One Point of Our Star, Mrs. Alice Babb, Mt. Pleasant, Ia.
Music—Solo.....Miss Dora Swearingen, Omaha, Neb.
Paper.....Miss Clara B. Duval, Omaha, Neb.
Reading.....Mrs. Mary E. Munro, South Omaha, Neb.
Music—Polonaise—Op. 53, Chopin....Miss Ruth Blanchard, Beatrice, Neb.

The total outlay for the display at the exposition did not exceed $130, which was very small compared with that of some societies, but good management secured the result.

Mrs. Herring visited the State Grand Chapter conventions and found that organization proceeded very slowly for want of funds. She proposed, by writing letters to the entire list of members of the Supreme Grand Chapter, that the Supreme treasury should bear half the expense of inspecting and organizing in Nebraska and Missouri. The assent was hearty, and thus began a new era for P. E. O. work in those states. The increase of funds in the treasury made it possible for assistant organizers to be appointed to visit Chapters subordinate to Supreme, the Supreme Organizer finding it impossible to do so herself. Mrs. Emma Pratt was appointed for Illinois and Indiana, and Miss Martha Winans for California. They visited the Chapters and made the proper reports. Their work was of great benefit. Mrs. Herring herself visited the Chapters in Kansas, and the one at Eureka Springs, Ark., in each instance finding a glad welcome and bringing the Chapters into closer relation to the main body. Her reception was made a social occasion in each, and she terms the trip one of the bright spots of her term. Her report described these Chapters as "earnest and faithful."

To bring the subordinate Chapters into closer relations with Supreme was an object constantly sought, and it was obtained. Mrs. Herring wrote to each Chapter President, on first taking the office, a personal letter, and during her term wrote at least two to each Chapter. Instead of one subordinate Chapter being represented at the next Supreme Convention, eight sent delegates.

During Mrs. Herring's term she steadily endeavored to impress upon the Sisterhood the necessity of effort to reclaim those inactive, and to prevent more from becoming so. The evil was growing rapidly, and her efforts gave it a substantial check. It is plainly to be seen that these two years were chiefly ones of increasing unity in the Society, and steady growth in numbers and Chapters. The disposition to branch out and expand permeated the entire body. Nineteen Chapters were added to the Sisterhood during the period. The peace of the organization was unbroken by any ripple.

The following resume is made from Miss Osmond's report in the P. E. O. *Record* of the Supreme Convention in Chicago:

The convention of the Supreme Grand Chapter of P. E. O. in Chicago, 1899, was unique in many respects. It was the first ever held east of the Mississippi river, and the first in any state not having a Grand Chapter of its own. For the first time, too, a Chapter entertained all the delegates at a hotel. The entire convention was beneath the Palmer House roof all the time, its auditorium being used for the meetings, parlors for committees, and all the

members having rooms there. An informal reception at 8 p. m., Tuesday, was a good means for acquainting the incoming delegates with each other, and was made a pleasant time by the kindly sociability of the members of Chapter A, Illinois. Mrs. Briggs, as chairman of Hotel Committee, met all with her gracious welcome on arrival.

The registration of members of Supreme Grand Chapter showed as present: Founder, Mrs. Alice Babb; President, Mrs. Flora C. Herring; First Vice-President, Mrs. Sallie Gray Cramer; Second Vice-President, Mrs. Laura A. Allen; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Carrie G. Hunter; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Emma C. Hyatt; Treasurer, Miss Minnie Osgood; Organizer, Mrs. Julia N. Robinson; Past Presidents of Supreme, Mmes. A. R. Dewey, Alice Spilman, and Alice C. Briggs.

Iowa—President, Mrs. May B. Snider; Past Presidents, Mmes. Lulu McHenry, Walter Campbell; Iowa delegates, Mmes. Estelle B. Walker, Lue Weber, Flora McAchran, Belle Lynch, Josie T. Smith, Sadie LeFevre, Jennie Duncan, Julia McKibbin, Clara Culbertson, Hattie Unterkircher, W. T. Johnston, Helen Balinger, Laura Couch, Agnes Meek, Amy Ridgeway, Lola Landes, Lillian Griffith, Lillie D. Morgan, Anna Goodrich, Clemmie Carter, Katherine Boehmler, Misses Nellie Richards, and Inez Goodin.

Nebraska—President, Mrs. Carrie Hapeman; Past President, Mrs. Alberta C. Fox; Delegates, Mmes. Della Montgomery, L. Dora Jones, Lillie C. Main, Lillian P. Parmele, Kate Koehler, Dr. Ella P. Sumner.

Missouri—President, Mrs. Dora L. Hallock; delegates, Mmes. Josephine Atteberry, M. B. Scott, J. W. Cassidy.

Illinois—Chicago, Mmes. Emma R. Pratt, Hettie C. Morse; Clinton, Miss Jessie G. Chaddock, Mrs. Nellie Danks.

Kansas—Hutchinson, Mmes. Gertrude Brehm, May French Sweetser.

Indiana—Thorntown, Mrs. Sade Millikan, Hessie Matthews; Knox, Mmes. Kate Bish, Helen R. Close.

Michigan—Detroit, Elizabeth J. Caldwell.

Washington—Tacoma, Mrs. May P. Cushman.

Charters were granted to Highland, New York; Tacoma, Washington; Knox, Indiana.

The work of the first day ended at noon, the afternoon being given to two visits planned by the Chicago Chapter for their guests, one to the Art Institute, the other to Hull House.

The Hull House visit took us away out of the bright clear center of the city to the crowded region of Halstead street and slum areas. The dining rooms, library, reading room, etc., of this building were inspected below stairs. Above stairs, the kindergarten rooms, the day nursery and dormitories and hospital wards were seen, and finally we sat in the wide lecture room and heard Jane Addams talk, mostly in answer to questions, explaining the founding and work of the "settlement." Mrs. Ellen Henrotin, having been in the building when we came, entered here and talked awhile. She spoke of Miss Addams as "Jane, a modern saint." Mrs. McHenry proposed a collection, and it was given with a will.

Wednesday evening, we convened again for a session at 8 o'clock. It opened with a fine instrumental solo (a) The Flatterer, (b) Etude de Concert, Mrs. Carrie Beaumont. Mrs. Babb had to yield to the earnest request of those who wished to hear the paper she read at the Omaha P. E. O. Congress, on "Demands of Justice," and read it. This is really an address, requiring over thirty minutes for delivery. It held the audience, so full of wit, thought, and feeling is it, as easily as a five minute paper. Following this, Mrs. Julia R. Gordon sang "Fear not Ye, O Israel" in a manner that made it a treat to all who heard her. Mrs. W. T. Johnston read a paper, "How to Perpetuate P. E. O.," that was listened to with great pleasure. The initiation ceremony, with a real candidate, was exemplified with the star, very finely, by Chapter A.

The president, Mrs. Herring, in her address said, and the convention granted the requests:

"The financial condition of a new state has been a subject upon which I have pondered long. They have no funds whatever upon which to draw, and to begin to tax Chapters and members immediately for something which they may not be sure they care for, is not likely to conduce to enthusiasm or hearty support. The Executive Board concur with me in recommending a by-law providing that all necessary supplies be given a state upon organization.

"The charter which is now furnished local Chapters by the Supreme Grand Chapter is not of a convenient form or size for receiving the seal and gilt without infringing on the margin to such an extent as to spoil its appearance and binder framing. I suggest that both of these matters be handled by Committee on Officers' Reports, who will frame a recommendation for your consideration. During her term, Mrs. Hyatt says she has copied and had completed records of all subordinate Chapters, and complete lists of all P. E. O. Chapters everywhere.

At one session all P. E. O. business was necessarily suspended to let one not a member enter and talk. Mrs. Henrotin occupied the rostrum for a few minutes' talk on the Consumers' League, an organization pledged not to push down labor to starvation prices by bargaining and striving to get everything too cheap.

Another person, by no means a P. E. O., nor ever to be so, took up the greatest possible attention from the convention at one time, too. This was Stoddard Merchant Robinson, Mrs. Julia N. Robinson's six weeks old son. He was as sweet and cheerful as a summer morning, and was apparently much coveted by various admirers.

Mrs. W. T. Johnston wished the Supreme Grand Chapter of P. E. O. to become affiliated with the Mothers' Congress, to meet in Des Moines, May, 1900, and her motion that it pay $5.00 for that privilege, entitling it to a delegate, carried. Mrs. Johnston was appointed.

At another time, Mrs. W. T. Johnston spoke of the propriety of having a history of P. E. O. published, a book, under the auspices of the Society, at the expense of the Supreme Grand Chapter, for sale to the members, and that it should contain history, biographies of prominent P. E. O.'s, their pictures, etc. She wished the Executive Board to appoint a committee to attend to this. At a later time Mrs. Dewey was appointed, and empowered to choose the others. It was recommended that the history be made while the four now living of the original seven can assist.

Mrs. McKibbin moved, and it carried, that the Supreme Grand Chapter pay $100 to Mt. Pleasant University for two years, to assist in the endowment of a woman's chair—hoping a P. E. O. professor, also, may find a place there.

A new installation ceremony was read by Mrs. Hapeman, and approved. At the right time it was used in installation of the new officers.

A plan for harmonizing the customs in use in different states as to the large star in initiation seemed necessary, and Mrs. Julia Robinson, Mrs. Hapeman, and Mrs. Lue Weber were appointed a committee to remain and do this on Saturday following the convention.

On Thursday evening the Chicago Chapter, with Mrs. May Derthick as their leader, had arranged an entertainment by artists whose reputation made it a treat to listen to. Mr. Frank B. Webster had two songs (a), "Gipsy Love Song, (b) "I've Got a Sixpence;" a piano solo, from Chopin, by Miss Sarah Elizabeth Wildman; reading, "Armgart," from George Eliot, by Miss Elizabeth Woodbury. This was a remarkably fine piece in action and expression,

and by a P. E. O., too. An encore called out a piece of Kipling's, light and rollicking, given with equally correct interpretation. A violin solo, from Lalo, by Mr. Earl R. Drake, followed this. He, you have heard, has a lovely old Stradivarius violin, and we heard him again with it the last thing on the programme, in a Slumber Song and a Polish Dance, from Drake. But before that, Mrs. C. H. Trego gave a solo, two songs, "The Night Has a Thousand Eyes," and "This Would I Do," and Miss Wildman was heard again in a piano solo. Many guests had been asked. At the close of the entertainment a reception was held by the officers of the Chicago Chapter and Supreme Officers.

It was voted that the aid to Missouri and Nebraska in organizing new Chapters should be continued by the Supreme Grand Chapter. Also that the Supreme Organizer be requested to visit all the Missouri Chapters and offer advice and assistance.

The *Record* was hastily considered by a committee, and its form changed as told in its report elsewhere.

The loss of the Chapter at Laclede, Kansas, was reported, owing to lack of members to carry it on.

It was found that the matter of a memorial music hall, at Mt. Pleasant, voted on by the Chapters, was rendered impossible by a change in the University officers that would change its proposition, and, on motion, the matter was dropped.

Many changes in the constitution were reported from State Grand Chapters, discussed, and voted upon, and those getting through were: Two tabled to take up at the next Supreme meeting, as follows:

That to Part I., Article II., Section 1, under members, be added a fourth member, which shall read: "Editor of the *Record.*"

The surviving members of the original Chapter (naming them) shall be given a life membership, and all the privileges of Supreme Grand Chapter, whenever they are in attendance.

On motion of Mrs. Johnston, a committee of three to propose changes in the constitution at the next Supreme Grand Chapter Convention were appointed, consisting of Mesdames Estelle B. Walker, Carrie Hapeman, and R. D. Cramer.

MRS. WALTER CAMPBELL, BY MRS. ELLA M. SPENCER.

One of the most interesting features of our modern club movement is the opportunity it has given women of diversified talents for developing their

abilities along one special line. Very often the woman who, without the broadening influence of club life, would never know that she possessed powers for execution or administration greater than her neighbors, has, when brought

Mrs. Walter Campbell.

within club circles, shown that her talents would have enabled her to ascend the rounds of the political ladder had fate and American politicians decreed her that opportunity. This is believed by the friends of Mrs. Mollie Moreland-Campbell, who during nine and one-half years of active and progressive work for P. E. O. has shown administrative abilities that would have dignified any position.

She was born in Oskaloosa, Iowa, in early war times. She attended the public schools and was graduated with a standing that secured for her the first position as teacher in the city schools ever given to a pupil who had attended no higher institution of learning. She taught for two and one-half years. She had early shown such ability as a reader that she was encouraged to enter a school of oratory, and had just concluded arrangements for doing so when Walter Campbell's persuasive powers proved sufficient to induce her to try housekeeping instead, and the hearth-fire then lighted has burned brightly and cheerfully ever since.

She became a P. E. O. on Washington's birthday, in 1892, and almost from that date has been active in the work. Her initiation occurred just before the March election of officers (in those days officers being elected every six months), and in the following autumn she was elected President of Chapter X, and was re-elected three times. She resigned during her fourth term to take up the duties of the first Organizer in P. E. O., to which office she was elected at the Chariton convention. This was in the days when Iowa Grand Chapter was young and the most rigid economy was necessary in order not to overtax the exchequer. The need for inspection of many Chapters was equally imperative, and as a result the work of Organizer was beset with difficulties, and no inducement could prevail upon her to accept the office another year.

She returned to the rank and file, never thinking she would take up official P. E. O. life again, but one year later, being elected delegate to the Winterset convention, she was made First Vice-President, and at the following convention, in 1897, at Knoxville, was elected President of the Iowa Grand Chapter. She served as Iowa's chairman two terms, and during this time she won the warm regard of Iowa P. E. O.'s by her executive ability and her careful, systematic administration. She was elected President of the Supreme Grand Chapter, at Chicago, in 1899, and served in that capacity two years.

During the time of her official life in P. E. O. she has given affection and enthusiasm freely to the cause, making it a secondary consideration only to her home. In her official capacity she has visited for purposes of organization or inspection between thirty and forty Chapters, and has attended eighteen conventions. She has done personal work on constitution and by-laws, and every official paper now in use in both Supreme and Iowa Grand Chapters has borne the impress of her careful scrutiny. She has been a true and faithful P. E. O.,

and no care is ever so heavy, no personal need so great, that she is not ready to turn aside and give thought to any question that pertains to the welfare of the Order.

She is born with the courage of her convictions, but those who know her best and love her most say she does not form hasty opinions or reach her decisions by cutting across lots, but at every point she has seen a sign-post giving her a reason for her ultimate decision, and she blazes the trail of reasoning in a way that makes it a very easy one to follow. P. E. O. is richer through her work, and all womankind is strengthened by the steadfast purpose and indomitable energy of such women as Mrs. Walter Campbell.

CONVENTION OF 1901.

Mrs. Campbell presided in an admirable manner over the Supreme Convention held in Des Moines, October 9th, 10th, and 11th, 1901. Chapter V had invited the convention there, and greeted delegates and all in an informal reception at Knights of Pythias Hall, where the convention met, on the East Side. An address of welcome, by Mrs. Florence B. Carpenter, President of Chapter V, was responded to by Mrs. Emma C. Hyatt, Supreme Corresponding Secretary. The members of the convention were:

President—Mrs. Walter Campbell.

First Vice-President—Mrs. M. B. Scott.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. Ella Moore-Spencer was made Secretary pro tem., Mrs. Parmele not attending.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Emma Cadwallader-Hyatt.

Treasurer—Mrs. Emma R. Pratt.

Organizer—Mrs. Julia N. Robinson.

Past Presidents—Mrs. Nannie T. Stockman, Mrs. A. R. Dewey, Mrs. Alice Briggs, Mrs. Alice Spilman, and Mrs. Flora Herring.

IOWA.

President—Mrs. Mary D. Irish.

Past Presidents—Mrs. Luella McHenry and Mrs. M. Lue Weber.

Editor of the *Record*—Miss Mary Osmond.

Delegates—Mrs. Flora McKibben, of Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Lillie Cree, of Centerville; Mrs. Laura H. Jordan, of Ottumwa; Mrs. Florence Patterson, of Washington; Miss Maud Gilson, of Knoxville; Mrs. Mary C. Madison, of Burlington; Mrs. Marie Tuttle-Vorheis, of Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Annie B.

Wilkins, of Des Moines; Mrs. Huldah Reed, of What Cheer; Mrs. Roger Cresap, of Bonaparte; Mrs. Etta Van Sandt, of Clarinda; Mrs. Laura Kendrick-Chase, of West Liberty; Mrs. Sade M. Carson, of New Sharon; Mrs. Delia Seeberger, of Newton; Mrs. Gertrude Rogers, of Grundy Center; Mrs. Grace Latta, of Marengo; Mrs. Mary G. Williams, of Estherville; Mrs. Charlotte Moffatt, of Marshalltown; Mrs. Nellie H. Fountain, of Spirit Lake; Mrs. Carrie Scharf, of Monroe; Miss Elizabeth C. Leeper, of Emmetsburg; Mrs. Eliza Scales, of Ackley; Miss Ruth A. Leighton, of Stuart; Miss Edna B. Morgan, of Davenport; Mrs. Ella B. Quarton, of Algona; Miss Mary Baxter, of Elkader, and Miss Daisy W. Cave, of Greene.

NEBRASKA.

President—Mrs. Mary Johnson-Axtell.

Past Presidents—Mrs. Carrie Hapeman and Mrs. McNaughton.

Delegates—Mrs. Julia M. Klinck, Minden; Mrs. Lizzie E. Scott, Hastings; Mrs. Huldah Miller, Holdrege; Mrs. Fannie R. Fisher, Omaha; Mrs. H. Grace Thomas, Nelson; Mrs. Belle Brenizer, Broken Bow; Mrs. Jennie Burch, South Omaha.

MISSOURI.

President—Mrs. Mary D. Lawrence.

Past President—Mrs. Dora Hallock.

Delegates—Mrs. Alta Franklin, Unionville; Mrs. Linnie C. Mount, Memphis; Mrs. S. B. Cowell, Queen City; Mrs. Emma Cobb, Hopkins; Miss Decimund Minor, Chillicothe.

KANSAS.

Mrs. M. Kate McMains, Pratt.

INDIANA.

Mrs. Edna Lindsay and Miss Alvaretta Moffitt, Thorntown.

ILLINOIS.

Mrs. Minnie Osgood-Smythe and Mrs. Hettie Carpenter-Morse, Chapter A, Chicago; Mrs. Laura Craven-Rice, Chapter D, Chicago; Mrs. Mary S. Evey and Mrs. Clara V. Hardin, Monmouth.

UTAH.

Mrs. Gertrude Reed, Salt Lake City.

COLORADO.

Mrs. Maud Thompson and Miss Margaret Hall, Denver.

In the dining-rooms adjoining the hall, the Business Women's Association served luncheon to the members of the convention and visitors each day.

Seven new Chapters subordinate to the Supreme had been formed in the two years of this administration, and received their charters. As far as represented they were: Chapter D, Chicago; Chapter A, Denver; Salt Lake City, Utah; Chapter A, Washington, D. C.; Pratt, Kansas; Monmouth, Illinois; Las Animas, Colorado.

Professor Nagel, of Des Moines, who had composed a march dedicated to P. E. O., called "The Marguerite," was introduced to the convention, and played it, receiving unbounded applause, and later a magnificent bouquet of roses was voted him. It was considered a brilliant bit of music.

Mrs. A. R. Dewey, chairman of the P. E. O. History Committee, gave her report, outlining her plan, and giving the names of those appointed on the committee by herself. Her plan was adopted, and the committee retained to do the work, being Mrs. W. T. Johnston and Mary Osmond on general work, Mrs. R. D. Cramer on history of Missouri Grand Chapter, Mrs. Lulu Patrick on history of Nebraska Grand Chapter (a work she afterward resigned, and Miss Ida Johnson was appointed), Mrs. Emma R. Pratt on history of subordinate Chapters, and Mrs. Alice Babb on history of P. E. O. to the time of Grand Chapter organization.

Mrs. Emma Cadwallader-Hyatt presented her complete records, in a book made especially to her order, of the subordinate Chapters from the beginning. It was a great work, well done.

Much work was done in the convention to unify and assist the Order, but no startling change of any kind occurred.

At this convention, the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Parmele, being unable to attend, Mrs. Campbell secured Mrs. Ella Spencer, of Oskaloosa, to fill the place, which she did to the entire satisfaction of the convention.

The P. E. O. delegate to the National Congress of Mothers, held in Des Moines previous to this, being Mrs. W. T. Johnston, gave a full report.

Two amendments to the constitution were adopted, one making surviving members of the original seven members of the Supreme Convention, and another making the editor of the *P. E. O. Record* a member.

A Committee on Revision of the Constitution was appointed, composed of Mrs. M. Lue Weber, Mrs. Mary D. Lawrence, and Mrs. Jennie Burch, with instructions to meet and arrange the work.

A trolley ride to the home of its President, Miss Charlotte Rockwell, was tendered by Chapter Q, and there it gave a happy reception on one afternoon.

It was voted to appropriate $200 to furnish a suitable room at the St. Louis Exposition, the Executive Board having charge of the expenditures.

At election it was fully conceded that Nebraska was entitled to the Presidency, especially as it presented so qualified a candidate, and after the declination of Mrs. Campbell to be re-elected, Mrs. Carrie Hapeman's election was practically unanimous.

Mrs. Hapeman has held the reins of government with a firm and gentle hand. Numerically, the Order has grown rapidly during her administration, numbering nearly five thousand five hundred active members, while Chapters have been formed in at least two new states, Texas and Pennsylvania, with two State Grand Chapters formed, those of Colorado and Illinois, and one anticipated very soon in Kansas. Mrs. Hapeman went to Colorado for the organization, inspecting every Chapter, also inspecting the Salt Lake City Chapter. The work for the Supreme convention, at Lincoln, October, 1903, is progressing in her hands.

THE *P. E. O. RECORD* — ITS HISTORY AND ITS EDITORS.

The thought of having a magazine or paper first came up for discussion at the Grand Chapter convention at Keosauqua, Iowa, held October 17th-20th, 1888. Forty-two delegates were enrolled, representing twenty-one Chapters. The report says: Miss Annie J. Cottle was Grand Chapter Secretary. From that report the following extracts are made, being the only official account of the *Record:*

To begin with, a cook book had been projected, and a committee to collect recipes and see how the matter could be carried out had been appointed the previous year at the convention. The action on this was: "Mrs. McKibbin stated in regard to the cook book that but few Chapters had sent in recipes, and that she could not undertake the publishing of it. Motion carried that we should have the cook book. The delegates were requested to report to the Chapters, and send their reports to Keosauqua soon." Here, apparently, the matter rested. This was done on Wednesday. Thursday afternoon this is the report:

"Moved, by Chapter A, that we publish a monthly paper. On motion, a committee of three, Mrs. Rogers, Miss Nannie Torrence, and Mrs. Carrie M. Ogilvie, were elected to make arrangements for the paper. The paper to be

sent out at the beginning of the year." Then, along later Thursday afternoon, sandwiched in between some miscellaneous business, is this:

"Motion carried that the necessary amount for establishing a paper be taken from the Grand Chapter treasury. Motion carried that the Corresponding Secretary of the Grand Chapter instruct the Corresponding Secretaries of local Chapters that they are expected to prepare material for this paper."

Then in the evening session, in miscellaneous proceedings, comes this report: "Committee on Society Paper reported as follows: Mrs. Effie H. Rogers was chosen as Editor-in-Chief of paper. Salary to be $40 a month. The paper to be published at Oskaloosa. The editor to choose her own corps of assistants. Subscription price to be 75 cents a year in advance. Paper to be published monthly. The *P. E. O. Record* is to be the name of the publication." This report was thoroughly discussed by the Chapters present, and the vote was given in favor of adopting it.

Finally, on Friday: "Motion carried that subject of cook book be reconsidered. On motion, the cook book was laid on the table." So the greater had banished the less.

Mrs. May B. Snider was a delegate from Mt. Pleasant to the Keosauqua convention. She was the mover, she says, of a resolution for the establishment of a paper. It will be seen by the report that there were numerous resolutions and motions to the making of the *Record*, and Mrs. Ogilvie says she made the speech in the convention bringing the matter up. Mrs. Rogers, being asked to write about it, sent the following to the *Record* in 1899:

"When I was elected President of the Grand Chapter at Washington, Iowa, there were nineteen Chapters. During my administration of three years the number increased to forty-two Chapters. The work of organizing Chapters then was wholly the work of the Grand Chapter President. This, with the correspondence and routine work of the office, made the task one of herculean proportions. The idea of having a paper as a medium of communication between the Grand Chapter officers and the Chapters finally dawned upon me. When the convention met at Keosauqua the matter was talked over with some of the sisters, and it was thought to be a good one."

The first paper was issued from the press of Johnson & Shockley Bros., at Oskaloosa, December 27th, 1888. In October, 1889, at the convention in Mt. Pleasant, Mrs. Rogers reported that there were four hundred and fifty-one subscriptions, and that "the magazine is printed at an actual cost of 6¾ cents per copy." It is easy to see the difficulty that was to be a source of uneasiness

for many years, in this, for 6¾ cents per copy would make the cost of publication alone exceed the 75 cents subscription price, and where was the editor's salary? But it was immensely popular with the Society. No worry over the cost problem was in the minds of most of its readers. They had no idea of it, and they were delighted with the magazine. The difficulty hinted at became very plain to the Executive Board by the time of the convention at Burlington, in October, 1890. No effort could push the list up to a self-supporting number, and there was a great lack, also, of matter sent in to fill the columns. So at this convention a committee presented a report saying: "We recommend that the *Record* be continued at the price of 75 cents if it can be self-supporting; that each Chapter be compelled to contribute an article each month, so that it would be devoted to P. E. O. interests entirely." This report was not accepted, but it was so significant it is worth a place here. This committee was discharged.

Then another committee was appointed, consisting of Mrs. Clara Evarts, Miss Ella Burton, and Mrs. Jessie Thayer, and they labored with the problem. It was nothing less. The financial report of its standing showed that all its revenues had not paid the editor's salary, postage, etc., for ten months, leaving the whole expense of publication for the year and salary for two months to be paid out of the Grand Chapter funds. It may as well be said here as anywhere that this was just about its financial condition every year that it depended upon subscriptions for its support. Not less than from $400 to $600 yearly had to be taken out of the treasury for it. The second committee finally said in its report: "We recommend that the *Record* be continued for one year at the same subscription price. * * * Every possible effort shall be made during this year to make the *Record* self-supporting, and if at the end of the year it is not on a self-supporting basis that it shall be promptly discontinued. We further recommend that the salary of the editor be $25 instead of $40 per month the coming year. We also recommend, as an incentive to increase the contributions to the *Record*, an appropriation be made to pay for ten columns of matter per month at 50 cents per column. We recommend that each and every Chapter be commanded by the Grand Chapter to carefully select a journalist, and also to send all articles of literary merit that may appear in their Chapter to the editor of the *Record*."

This report was accepted. Mrs. Rogers was again elected editor. But she was a busy woman, County Superintendent of Mahaska county, and the salary was not enough to tempt her to continue, for then, as ever since,

editorial work on the *Record* meant much correspondence, all the addressing, wrapping, and mailing of the *Record*. So Mrs. Rogers declined the editorship, and Miss Berrie Reeves, the Osceola delegate, placed in nomination Miss Mary Osmond, and she was elected editor. She was not at the convention, and when told of the fact of her election by Miss Maggie Burrows, one of the two delegates from Nebraska, was greatly surprised.

Miss Mary Osmond was born near the city of Philadelphia. When four years of age her parents moved to Farmington, Iowa, and afterwards to Clarke county, Iowa. She lived with them on a farm near Hopeville until she went to Ohio to attend Lebanon Normal School. She was a teacher in the Clarke county public schools and the Osceola school for some years, occasionally writing for newspapers during this time. Her educational work ended with a four years' term as County Superintendent of Clarke county. From that office she stepped into editorial work on newspapers, and after four or five years established the Osceola *Gazette,* a weekly paper of her own, and it was so exacting in demands upon her time when elected editor of the *P. E. O. Record* that she hesitated to take the double burden, but finally did so. Its type was set in the *Gazette* office, and the printing done in the Osceola *Sentinel* office, until the *Gazette* and *Sentinel* being consolidated, Miss Osmond being its editor, the work was all done in the *Sentinel* office. Miss Osmond was initiated in Chapter K, Osceola, in November, 1885. Still the *Record* was not self-supporting. Neither was it discontinued. The Society at its convention yearly decided it could not do without it, and re-elected the editor. Nor did its subscription list ever exceed six hundred and fifty, a point reached in 1892 only. A report made to the Grand Chapter convention in October, 1891, contained the following financial information.

Miss Mary Osmond.

RECEIPTS.

Subscriptions since October, 1890, paid	$387.50
Advertising	32.25
Donations from Knoxville and Bloomfield	21.50
Sale of *Records* and dimits	5.40
Total	$446.65

EXPENSES (EXCEPTING EDITOR'S SALARY).

Print paper	$ 49.15
Other materials	4.75
Stationery (editorial letter-heads, etc., and stamps)	2.48
Contributions	15.48
Eight months' postage	2.90
Printing dimits	1.75
Total	$297.50

The editorial salary of $225, for nine months, added to other expenses, made the cost of the *Record* $522.50, which overrun the receipts by $75.85. An estimate was made that the Grand Chapter would at the end of the year have to supply over $200, and it did. This gives an idea of the work and the difficulties confronting the Sisterhood. It shows that at the end of the year, since previous report, five hundred and sixteen subscribers were on the list. At this period the editor bought everything, as shown, charging the Society. Dimits were printed in its office and sold for its fund.

During 1892, previous to the meeting of the Grand Chapter in Des Moines, in October, the *Record* was full of discussion about a reorganization of P. E. O., due at that time, although it would surely have come some time, to the action of Nebraska in forming a Grand Chapter for itself. These discussions were very earnest, and in the light of the present some of the plans proposed seem impracticable, but there is no doubt the Society was greatly helped by having an organ where the views of all could be published, so the whole Sisterhood knew the difficulty, and discussed it in the Chapters intelligently. A call was issued by the Nebraska Executive Board to each Chapter in that state to send a delegate to Des Moines "to consider the question of a National Grand Chapter." The result of the matter was the change of the name of Grand Chapter of the P. E. O. Sisterhood to Supreme Grand Chapter at the conven-

tion which assembled October 12th. The P. E. O. *Record* became the property of this organization, which was simply the former Grand Chapter.

The *Record* at this time had six hundred and thirty-nine subscribers, and it was hoped its list could be pushed up to a self-supporting basis. The belief was entertained that the Supreme Grand Chapter would have very little means and it must not be expected to give the *Record* much support.

When Mary Osmond had published the *Record* at Osceola for the years 1891, 1892, and to October, 1893, the Grand Chapter convention was held at Waterloo, Iowa, and another of those searching discussions on what could, must, and should be done with the *Record* came up. There has never been a time when two opinions as to the function of the *Record* have not been advanced and had adherents. One says, substantially, that it should be made a good literary as well as Society magazine, that would be a source of pride to P. E. O.'s, would be quoted, etc., being, in fact, a much more pretentious magazine than it ever has been, and fit to rank with the Cosmopolitan, Frank Leslie's, etc. Another view is, that all literary matter ought to be discarded and it reduced to a mere medium of communication between officers and Chapters, and to contain Chapter letters. As the means to make it the first have never been forthcoming (and the entire revenue of P. E. O.-dom for a year would not carry such an one three months), and as it has had pages to be filled, its editors have used the literary matter the Sisterhood furnishes. It may not equal the highly paid for matter of the purely literary magazines, but is of a good quality, nevertheless.

All these matters came into discussion at Waterloo. Worse than that, also, was the fact of its not paying. The Society seriously contemplated doing without it, or letting it go into some one's hands as a private venture, or anything to relieve the treasury.

This was the severest crisis in the *Record's* career, for it was in that convention the Iowa Grand Chapter was formed, separating itself from the Supreme. The Supreme must keep the magazine if it lived, as no State Grand Chapter could assume control of it. Finally Mrs. Siddie F. Richards, of Waterloo, was elected its editor and business manager, on the proposition following:

"To publish it twelve times a year, sixteen pages, for 75 cents, if six hundred subscribers are guaranteed. The entire income from subscriptions, advertising, and the payment for all Grand Chapter and official announcements to belong to the individual assuming it, and no salary or responsibility to be assumed by the Supreme Grand Chapter or any other."

Siddie F. Pierce-Richards was born in Belfast, Maine, and came to Iowa with her parents when very young. She lived near Fairfield, Iowa, with her father, Major A. R. Pierce, until her marriage with Julian W. Richards, in 1879. Since that time her home has been in Waterloo, Iowa. She is greatly interested in women's work in every line, and has held offices in several different organizations. For four years Mrs. Richards was Journalist of the Federated Clubs of Iowa; for two years was State Regent of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Iowa, and in February last was elected a Vice-President of the National organization of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Mrs. Richards is a member of the "Society of Mayflower Descendants," coming in on the line of Stephen Hopkins. During her membership of P. E. O. she has been very active in the work of the Society. She was for four years editor of the *Record*, and was Recording Secretary of the Iowa Grand Chapter. While editor of the *Record* she originated and secured the adoption of the plan by which the *Record* is furnished to all the members of the Society.

She has spent the past four winters in Washington, D. C., with her husband. Upon the election of Hon. D. B. Henderson as Speaker of the House of Representatives she was selected to the important position of private secretary to the Speaker.

Harold Pierce Richards, second son of Mr. and Mrs. Richards, is attending school at Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

At the time the *Record* was transferred to Mrs. Richards it was hoped it would support itself, and it was so desirable it should be taken by Mrs. Richards at once, saving the editorial salary to Miss Osmond for the two months yet of her term and the cost of printing it, the two coming to over $60 a month, that Miss Osmond resigned at the convention, for all after the October number, which was then begun. The convention found five hundred and forty subscriptions pledged, and voted to pay Mrs. Richards the sum necessary to make up the deficiency in price less than for six hundred subscriptions.

At the Des Moines convention of 1892 the *Record* Committee recommended that the magazine should be provided with an engraved cover plate, but this was not carried out until in the beginning of 1896, when one designed by Miss Jean Girton, of Waterloo, was put in use. It cost the Supreme Grand Chapter $13. Mrs. Richards used every inducement to gain subscribers, making the magazine good and bright, and buying for it out of her own share many half-tone portraits of prominent P. E. O.'s.

Two years after Mrs. Richards had thus published the *Record* the Supreme Grand Chapter again met, in Omaha. The same worry about the cost of the *Record* was on their minds. For the six hundred was never gained, the Supreme Grand Chapter could not let go, and feared to keep on. Another plan must be tried. Alice Spilman, Phebe Doty, and Ida Wherry were made the *Record* Committee.

The editor, Mrs. Richards, presented to this committee a plan which she had been urging editorially in the magazine, and through her private correspondence with P. E. O.'s had found likely to be approved. Mrs. Richards had brought the matter to the attention of the convention in her report also. It was a plan adapted from the one used by some other societies, and is as follows:

"That the Supreme Grand Chapter shall create a *Record* fund, which shall consist of a 25 cent annual per capita tax from each State Grand Chapter, and from each local Chapter subordinate to the Supreme Grand Chapter, to which shall be added from the Supreme Grand Chapter treasury such amount as is necessary to cover the expense of the publication of the *Record*, this sum not to exceed the amount received from the per capita tax. That the Supreme Grand Chapter shall furnish the editor of the *Record* a complete list of all active members, which shall constitute her list of subscribers. That the *Record* shall be reduced to a twelve-page magazine, and the expense thus saved in publication monthly shall provide the editor's salary."

It was adopted, and proved the solution of the trouble, for while the 25 cents per capita never has paid the expenses, it is very easy for the Supreme Chapter, by the help of that, to supply the deficiency. So at last the believers in the reduction of the *Record* to a mere receptacle of Chapter letters and officers' communications had it their own way. The *Record* was then published by Mrs. Richards two years with twelve pages. It had been put up in leaded long primer, and putting it in solid brevier other matter was occasionally squeezed in, but the change in size was not liked by the majority. That was very soon seen, but nothing could be done for two years. The process of getting all the names and having the whole plan understood was a slow job, doing the best possible.

The Supreme Grand Chapter met next in Newton, Iowa, October, 1897. Then the discussion soon showed the desire to have the sixteen pages resumed, and it was ordered done. Mary Osmond was elected its editor, and it was published again at Osceola, Iowa, beginning with the January, 1898, issue, being printed by J. H. Richards at the *Democrat* office.

The *Record* was at that time publishing two thousand five hundred and fifty copies, but it was believed that many who had not understood the plan had not enrolled on the list, and that an effort should be made to get them from the Corresponding Secretaries, and two thousand eight hundred copies were ordered. For that number of magazines the Supreme Grand Chapter agreed to pay $44 per month for publishing (*i. e.,* the printing, folding, stapling, and trimming, including cost of paper and all material), $16 per month editorial salary, and 20 cents for cartage. Before March the effort to find active P. E. O.'s had resulted in making it necessary to increase the number printed. The rate has gone steadily on until we now print over five thousand at the beginning of 1903. Every active (*i. e.,* due-paying) member receives it.

Its enlargement and permission to contain literary matter sent by P. E. O.'s in the pages not required by Chapter letters or other P. E. O. subjects elicited scores of commendatory letters to the editor. Praise came enthusiastically from all sides. After having edited the *Record* for two years, Miss Osmond found there was just about sufficient material sent from the P. E. O.'s to fill its pages. During that time no article had been rejected and none lacked space to print. By recommendation of the Newton convention, several "Chapter Stories"—*i. e.,* stories written by different members of the same Chapter—were printed. These were much enjoyed by a great many, but a few were much opposed to their being printed in the *Record.*

The Supreme Grand Chapter convention at Chicago, in 1899, found us printing three thousand five hundred copies monthly, at a cost of $54.50 for printing and $16 per month for editorial work. By the editorial work was meant what is usually understood by that term, and the addressing by hand of the entire list to subscribers. Postage was costing $3.06 a month then. It now costs over $7.00 monthly. The *Record* was, at Chicago, put into the hands of a committee consisting of Mrs. Emma R. Pratt, Mrs. Alice Spilman, Mrs. Luella McHenry, and Mrs. Alberta Fox. Events hurried them, and after the allotted time of the convention was past, at an adjourned session, the committee brought in a report materially changing the *Record,* which was adopted as a whole with no discussion. Its shape was changed to a page seven by ten inches, with two columns fifteen ems wide, and leaded instead of solid, as they had been. There were to be not less than twenty-four pages. A new cover-plate with different design was ordered. Mailing galleys took the place of the editor's pen to mail the magazines. Eight departments were created, with an editor named for each. No arrangements were made as to their work and no

payment offered. By the end of the year several of these associate editors had withdrawn, finding it impossible to obtain material without clipping from other publications. About all had withdrawn by the end of the next year, and Miss Osmond had assumed their work. These associate editors deserved much credit for attempting the work and for what they did. They were: Literary, Mrs. Clara West; Philanthropy, Mrs. Jessie M. Thayer; Child Study, Mrs. May C. Smith; Music, Mrs. Mary Derthick; Domestic Science, Mrs. May Cushman; Art, Miss Armenia Sampey; Current Topics, Mrs. Nellie R. Danks; Advancement of P. E. O. Interests (first), Mrs. Babb and (second) Mrs. Flora Herring. The editorial salary was $16.

Early in this term an advertising solicitor was employed, that it might be tested what the *Record's* qualities would prove for that. He was an excellent man (Mr. Cook, of Oskaloosa), selected by the Supreme President, Mrs. Campbell, and has been with the *Record* in that capacity since. At first we had as many as twelve or fifteen pages of advertising. But experience has proven that with a circulation no larger than the *Record's* and so widely dispersed, the advertising is necessarily limited to articles of general use by women, and cannot be local. Therefore it has decreased somewhat to a steady quantity. While little if any real profit, pecuniarily, has resulted, the magazine has had a better appearance and more reading matter, because if any page is added to a magazine, four are, necessarily, so there are frequently some of the added pages advertising calls for left vacant, which are filled with reading matter. In 1900 there were seventeen of these so filled, and over twenty-four in 1901; but few appeared in 1902.

The magazine was first issued in the new form with its new cover-plate January, 1900, according to the plan approved by the Chicago convention, and another chorus of praise encouraged us. The form appears to be satisfactory. The cost was at once increased, as the number of pages largely determines that. Still the 25 cents per capita almost pays the cost of publication. We have taken great pains to bring it out strictly on time each month, all being mailed on or by the last day of the month preceding the date of issue.

In 1901 the Supreme Convention of Des Moines re-elected Miss Osmond, and continued the form of the *Record*. Its departments were left to be filled if material was furnished by the Sisterhood, but one editor was deemed enough. The convention of 1901 also ordered that the editor's expenses to state conventions as well as Supreme should be paid from the Supreme treasury, as

reports of these must appear in the *Record*. An amendment to the constitution also made then makes the editor of the *Record* a member of the Supreme Convention. Her salary was made $20 a month.

The *Record* is a remarkable achievement. To make it live as it has, has cost the efforts of the best business women in the Sisterhood. Its existence is truly marvelous, when one thinks of the magazines begun and ended since it started. It lives because the Sisterhood needs it, is generous to it, and has had the wisdom, as far as can be seen now, to place it on an enduring basis that will make it a permanent part of our system, although it has no place in our constitution, and is solely a creation of our resolutions and by-laws.

Organization of Nebraska Grand Chapter.

BY MRS. NANNIE TORRENCE-STOCKMAN.

It was decided at the Supreme Grand Chapter which convened in Mt. Pleasant, October 12th, 1889, to organize the Grand Chapter of Nebraska P. E. O., and I, as President of the Supreme Grand Chapter, was appointed to organize it. Accordingly, the different Chapters of P. E. O. in Nebraska were notified that the first annual meeting would be held at Omaha, April 2d, 1890, and the Chapters responded by electing the following delegates to help effect the organization:

Wahoo, Mrs. Daisy Sanford; Plattsmouth, Mrs. Lida Patterson and Miss Mary Houseworth; Norfolk, Mrs. Dora Budenz; Holdrege, Mrs. Lulu Patrick; Superior, Mrs. Alice Briggs; York, Mrs. Carrie Smith and Miss Lena Knott; Omaha, Miss Lillie Chamberlain; Hastings, Mrs. Minnie Dutton.

The meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Jennie Bryant, 530 South Twenty-fifth avenue. Mrs. Bryant, although very ill, was so enthusiastic over the work that she insisted on being carried down stairs, and on the couch, from which she was unable to rise, she was installed as Recording Secretary. The convention was called to order by Supreme Grand Chapter President Mrs. Nannie Torrence-Stockman. Devotional exercises were conducted by Mrs. Dr. Hanchette. After roll call, enrolling of delegates, and appointment of committees, the address of welcome was given by Miss Clara Mason, President of Omaha Chapter, and responded to by Mrs. Carrie Smith, of York. Miss Chamberlain sang a beautiful solo, after which the convention adjourned until 2 P. M.

Miss Clara Paul, of Plattsmouth, favored the convention with music, and Miss Margaret Burrows, of Norfolk, read a paper. The business of organizing the Nebraska Grand Chapter was then taken up and completed. The following officers were installed with the impressive ceremonies of the Order:

President—Mrs. Alice Briggs.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Dora Budenz.
Second Vice-President—Miss Minnie Dutton.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Jennie Bryant.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Lulu Patrick.
Treasurer—Mrs. Carrie Smith.

Delegates to the Supreme Grand Chapter to be held at Burlington were elected as follows: Mrs. Alice Briggs, Miss Margaret Burrows, and Miss Lena Knott.

The following resolutions were passed:

Resolved, That the thanks of this convention be tendered to the Chapter, and especially to Mrs. Jennie Bryant, who so kindly opened her parlors for our service, for their hearty welcome and generous hospitality, and that we return a vote of thanks, also, to the press of Omaha for courtesies extended.

It was decided to hold the next meeting of the Nebraska Grand Chapter at Superior, June 5th, 1891.

It is to be regretted that our laws at that time were somewhat deficient. There was too much power placed in the hands of one person, the President of the Supreme Grand Chapter. Had a committee of P. E. O.'s of experience been appointed to see to the charter, it would not have purported to come from the Iowa Grand Chapter, when Iowa had no Grand Chapter at that time. It would be an impossible task to write of all the activities that entered into the first day of our State Grand Chapter. All felt that our success as a state organization depended upon the strength and symmetry of the foundation. But too much credit cannot be given Mrs. Briggs. With her intense enthusiasm and fine personality she did more for P. E. O. in the early days of the history of the state organization than any other one P. E. O., and interest and enthusiasm never deserted her as long as she remained in Nebraska.

NEBRASKA GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS—1890-1891.

President—Mrs. Alice C. Briggs, Superior.
First Vice-President, Mrs. Dora Budenz, Norfolk.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Lulu B. Patrick, Holdrege.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. F. B. Bryant, Omaha.
Treasurer—Carrie Smith, York.

1891-1892.

President—Mrs. Lulu B. Patrick, Holdrege.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Alice Cary Briggs, Superior.
Second Vice-President—Miss Winnifred Ferguson, York.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Elizabeth D. Jones, Hastings.
Recording Secretary—Miss Etta Andrews, Wahoo.
Treasurer—Mrs. Josie Durland, Norfolk.

1892-1893.

President—Mrs. Lulu B. Patrick, Holdrege.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Alice Cary Briggs, Superior.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. F. D. Bryant, Omaha.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Wyckoff.
Treasurer—Miss Elizabeth D. Jones, Hastings.

1893-1894.

President—Mrs. Jenny Holtzinger Bryant, 619 N. 41st ave., Omaha.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Clara Crawford, Nelson.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Kittie Dutton, Hastings.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Carrie McNaughton, Superior.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Dorothy Higby, York.
Treasurer—Mrs. Mary Houseworth, Plattsmouth.

1894-1895.

President—Mrs. Jenny Holtzinger Bryant, 619 N. 41st ave., Omaha.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Clara A. West, 1059 Park ave., Omaha.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Kittie Dutton, Hastings.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Carrie McNaughton, Superior.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Dorothy Higby, York.
Treasurer—Mrs. Mary Houseworth, Plattsmouth.

1895-1896.

President—Mrs. Carrie McNaughton, Villisca, Iowa.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Kittie Dutton, Hastings.
Second Vice-President—Miss Virginia Corbett, Lincoln.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Ida C. Wagner, Plattsmouth.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Dorothy Higby, York.
Treasurer—Mrs. Bertha C. Fox, Nelson.
Organizer—Mrs. Cora G. Little, Holdrege.

1896-1897.

President—Mrs. Clara West, Osceola, Iowa.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Will Dutton, Hastings.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Carrie Norberg, Holdrege.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Ida C. Wagner, Plattsmouth.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Ella L. Allen, 2019 Webster st., Omaha.
Treasurer—Mrs. Bertha C. Fox, Nelson.
Organizer—Mrs. Laura Allen, Superior.

1897-1898.

President—Mrs. Clara West, corner 19th and Washington sts., Lincoln.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Ella Lyon Allen, 2019 Webster st., Omaha.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Carrie Norberg, Holdrege.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Grace Kipp, Hastings.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Maud Watkins, 21st and J sts., South Omaha.
Treasurer—Mrs. May E. Frush, Wahoo.
Organizer—Mrs. Carrie Hapeman, Minden.

1898-1899.

President—Mrs. Mary E. Munro, 2623 Hamilton street, Omaha.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Alberta C. Fox, Nelson.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Carrie Hapeman, Minden.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Addie Sexton, Geneva.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Grace B. Kipp, Hastings.
Treasurer—Mrs. May E. Frush, Wahoo.
Organizer—Mrs. Kate M. Barbour, Harvard.

1899-1900.

President—Mrs. Carrie Hapeman, Minden.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Maud Cornell, Holdrege.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Mary R. Patterson, Bloomington.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Barbara H. Stryker, South Omaha.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Edith Patterson, Plattsmouth.
Treasurer—Mrs. May E. Frush, Wahoo.
Organizer—Mrs. Kate M. Barbour, Harvard.

1900-1901.

President—Mrs. Carrie Hapeman, Minden.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Kate M. Barbour, Harvard.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Sara Deemer-Reuling, Wymore.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Mary Johnson-Axtell, Lincoln.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Edith Youngstedt, Wahoo.
Treasurer—Mrs. Candace Black, Bloomington.
Organizer—Mrs. Jennie A. Burch, 1322 N. 23d street, South Omaha.

1901-1902.

President—Mrs. Mary Axtell, 2520 R street, Lincoln.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Kate M. Barbour, Harvard.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Laurie M. L. Vance, Wymore.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Louie Dieffenbacher, York.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Edith Youngstedt, Wahoo.
Treasurer—Mrs. Candace Black, Bloomington.
Organizer—Mrs. Jennie A. Burch, 1322 N. 23d street, South Omaha.

1902-1903.

President—Mrs. Jennie A. Burch, 1322 N. 23d street, South Omaha.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Lillian Parmele, Plattsmouth.
Second Vice-President, Miss Ella Brown, Hastings.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Louie Dieffenbacher, York.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Edith Youngstedt, Wahoo.
Treasurer—Miss Jennie Little, Geneva.
Organizer—Mrs. H. Grace Thomas, Nelson.

MRS. ALICE CAREY-BRIGGS AND HER ADMINISTRATION AS NEBRASKA STATE GRAND CHAPTER PRESIDENT.

The affairs of the young State Grand Chapter of Nebraska, the first one ever existing, were put in the hands of Mrs. Briggs, and she faithfully performed her work as President for one year. Her biography is told in speaking of her administration as Supreme President, so need not be repeated here.

The P. E. O.'s of Nebraska enjoyed their independence most thoroughly, and more devoted members of the Order never worked than these in that first happy year. The first convention was held at Superior, June, 1891, Mrs. Briggs' home town. Over this convention she presided with grace and dignity. Eight Chapters (all but Fairfield) were represented by sixteen delegates. Almost every one possessed some special accomplishment, as ability to write a good paper, sing or play well, or recite, and exercised her talent at this convention, where all were enthusiastic and determined to make Nebraska P. E. O. successful.

The matter of re-lettering, as ordered by the Supreme Grand Chapter convention at Waterloo, Iowa, the previous October, having been done, came up for some discussion. The changes made were complete, as below:

York—Old, R; new, A.
Fairfield—Old, V; new B.
Norfolk—Old, K; new C.
Superior—Old, AL; new D.
Omaha—Old, AN; new, E.
Plattsmouth—Old, AP; new, F.
Hastings—Old, AQ; new G.
Holdrege—Old, AR; new H.
Wahoo—Old, AS; new I.

This lettering was satisfactory to all the Chapters but Norfolk, which would have liked to retain its "K." This convention earnestly desired the incomplete "National" organization to be completed, and appointed Mrs. Briggs and Mrs. Mary Houseworth to confer with its officers relative to doing so. The editor of the *Record* having sent a plain statement of its financial condition, which was read, Mrs. Winnie Durland said that in accordance with the instructions of the Norfolk Chapter, she would move that Nebraska pledge a subscription list equal to half its resident membership. This carried, and was thereafter scrupulously lived up to by each Nebraska Chapter until the present plan was adopted. Mrs. Briggs declined re-election, and Mrs. Lulu B. Patrick was elected President, and Mrs. Winnie Durland and Miss Clara Mason were elected delegates to the "National Grand Chapter."

All had gone well, and the state work was successfully launched. Two of the Chapters were, however, represented here for the last time—B and C surrendering their charters not long afterwards. The enthusiasm and pride there manifested in the state organization have never failed since, and carried the Order in Nebraska over difficulties with ease.

MRS. LULU B. PATRICK'S LIFE, BY MRS. JENNIE S. MOORE.

Mrs. Lulu Ballard-Patrick, eldest daughter of Dayton H. Ballard and Irene Grantham, is a native of Iowa, her birth place being Nevada, Story county, where she lived but two years. Her childhood years were spent in Washington, Iowa. When just entering her teens the family moved to Nebraska. Her education was gained mostly from private schools, the Washington, Iowa, Academy and the State University of Nebraska. In the fall of 1884 she went to Holdrege, Nebraska, to assume the duties of Deputy County Clerk of Phelps county. There she met Attorney J. R. Patrick, and on the 13th day of April, 1887, they were married at the home of her parents, in Hastings, Nebraska.

After their marriage Mr. and Mrs. Patrick made their home in Holdrege, where Mrs. Patrick's influence for social betterment and enjoyment was marked. I have heard it remarked many times that she had done more than any other woman of Holdrege to cultivate in the young people a taste for good,

wholesome literature. In 1893 she organized for young girls a club known as "The Violets." This was the youngest club admitted to the Nebraska State Federation of Clubs, the girls being between the ages of fourteen and sixteen. The programmes were made out by Mrs. Patrick, who always attended the meetings, encouraging, stimulating, and helping them. At the time of the Nebraska drouth, in the early nineties, when there was much need of help, Mrs. Patrick was President of the city charity organization for two years.

She first suggested the organization of a P. E. O. Chapter, which was effected at her home December 14th, 1889, and she was elected President. She was twice re-elected, and has also filled various other offices in Chapter H.

In the spring of 1890, when representatives from all Nebraska Chapters were called to Omaha to form a State Grand Chapter, Mrs. Patrick was sent as a delegate from Chapter H, and was at that meeting elected Corresponding Secretary of the Grand Chapter. In 1891 the Grand Chapter met in Superior, when she was elected President, and the following year, at York, re-elected. Her work in the early days of P. E. O. in Nebraska evinced a strong individuality, and her co-workers at that time well remember her keen insight, and her advice on many points of the constitution.

At the time when Nebraska felt that all of the power was vested in Iowa, she was active in the movement to call a meeting at Des Moines, Iowa, October 10th, 1892, for the purpose of organizing a National Grand Chapter. The happy result of the meeting so called was a complete understanding that we already had a Supreme organization, and to make it clearer the name was changed from the Grand Chapter to the Supreme Grand Chapter.

In the winter of 1896 Mrs. Patrick moved to Seattle, Washington, where she was identified with various literary clubs, and with P. E. O., but not feeling entirely settled, also as a matter of sentiment, she retains her membership in the Holdrege Chapter. Her home at present is at 2505 Wetmore avenue, Everett, Washington, where she is an active member of the Woman's Book Club—one of the oldest and most influential clubs of the state.

CONVENTION OF 1892.

June 8th, 9th, and 10th, 1892, the third annual convention of Nebraska P. E. O. met at York, presided over by Mrs. Lulu B. Patrick. A constitution and by-laws were adopted, and all secret matter omitted, that candidates might see them. It was determined to become a legal body by obtaining a state charter from the legislature.

Arrangements were made for calling on all Chapters in the United States to send delegates to a convention to form a National Grand Chapter. This was the vital matter in P. E. O. for the time. Mrs. Patrick was courageous and considerate, a woman capable of thinking, as well as of tenacious convictions. With the determination to solve the problem, settle this confusion for all time, Mrs. Patrick, being re-elected at this convention, gave much time to correspondence and thought to bring it about. Fortunately, the Supreme President then, Mrs. Dewey, possessed equal patience, tenacity, and resolve to discover the true solution, and a copious correspondence of Mrs. Patrick and Mrs. Dewey had the best possible results. The call sent out to each P. E. O. Chapter follows:

"To Chapter .....: You are hereby requested to send a delegate to a convention to be held Monday evening, October 10th, 1892, at Des Moines, Iowa, for the purpose of considering the question of a National Grand Chapter of P. E. O. Each Chapter is entitled to one vote, either in person or by proxy.

"Lulu B. Patrick, *President,*
"Alice C. Briggs, *First Vice-President,*
"Winnifred F. Smith, *Second Vice-President,*
"Jenny H. Bryant, *Corresponding Secretary,*
"Anna T. Wyckoff, *Recording Secretary,*
"Elizabeth D. Jones, *Treasurer,*
"Clara A. Crawford, *Chaplain,*
"*Executive Board Nebraska Grand Chapter of P. E. O.*"

A form for proxy blank accompanied this call, which the convention authorized. The principal topic for P. E. O. thought being thus launched at the Nebraska convention, it was very proper that the re-election of Mrs. Patrick followed, enabling her to finish her work.

NEBRASKA CONVENTION OF 1893.

Again Mrs. Lulu B. Patrick presided at the state convention of P. E. O. in Nebraska, held at Plattsmouth, April 5th, 6th, and 7th, 1893. Here it was decided, since the *Record* was under Supreme Grand Chapter, to no longer pay dues, concerning it, different from other states, as when one-half its membership was pledged as subscribers they did.

Organization of Chapters had again engaged attention, and Lincoln was represented by a delegate, with Harvard and Omaha nearing organization.

A report of the called convention at Des Moines, October 10th, and of the success attending it, and the sisterly union in Supreme Convention immediately following, evoked many expressions of pleasure, and was the climax of interest in the assembly.

The Grand Chapter adopted an opening ode, by Mrs. Jennie S. Moore, which was sung there, and has been used often in Nebraska, as follows:

OPENING ODE.

We meet again our Sisters dear;
Oh, may no discord here appear;
And as our tasks we now pursue,
May each to each in thought be true.

May we protect in word and deed,
Our Sisters all, and strive to lead
Whoever to our care may fall
To Him whose love surrounds us all.

Our Father's care we humbly ask,
And pray for strength for ev'ry task.
We know that He our guide must be,
That all may work in unity.

MRS. JENNIE HOLTZINGER-BRYANT'S BIOGRAPHY AND ADMINISTRATIONS, BY MISS CLARA MASON.

Mrs. Jennie Holtzinger-Bryant was born at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, in 1855, her father being a well-known pioneer Methodist preacher. Her mother was a conscientious sharer in the work. Jennie Holtzinger graduated at the Iowa Wesleyan University, at Mt. Pleasant, being the valedictorian from the Ruthian Literary Society. She removed to Omaha in 1875, and soon after married F. B. Bryant, of the United States National Bank. He is a near relative of our great poet, William Cullen Bryant, and one of their four sons bears the poet's name. Four sons and a winsome daughter were born to the pair, the eldest serving with the army in the Philippines with distinction.

Although thoroughly domestic in her tastes and a delightful entertainer, Mrs. Bryant finds time for much outside work. She is an active member of the First Methodist Church, belongs to the Woman's Club, and is a member of the Mu Sigma Literary Society. In disposition she is retiring and quiet,

with plenty of reserve force behind the gentle, dignified manner, and the due share of her time and attention given to the P. E. O. Society means much to it by what she can accomplish.

When the Omaha Chapter was organized, in 1889, it was done at the home of Mrs. Bryant, and the charter members were her personal friends. From that time she has been active in P. E. O. work both state and national. Recognizing her fine executive ability and superior judgment, her home Chapter has repeatedly asked her to represent it at State and Supreme meetings, as well as to hold important local offices, and by her Chapter E, of Nebraska, was inspired to accomplish organization at Plattsmouth, Wahoo, and South Omaha.

Mrs. Jennie Holtzinger-Bryant.

The meeting held for organizing a State Grand Chapter was at her home, in Omaha, she being elected Recording Secretary of that body, and later Corresponding Secretary, which office she filled until elected State President in 1893. In 1895, while still holding this office, she became First Vice-President of the State Grand Chapter.

Mrs. Bryant presided over the annual State Convention at Hastings, May 9th, 10th, and 11th, 1894. The active membership of the state was two hundred and forty-four, in eleven Chapters. At its close, the Hastings Chapter presented a beautiful pin to Mrs. Bryant. She was re-elected to the Nebraska State Presidency.

Any new movement requires time to shape it into real usefulness and to determine just the exact course to be pursued. So, after Nebraska was set

aside as being wholly able to stand on her own merits, to fight her own battles, if necessary, and in general to build up her part of the great P. E. O. structure, the Supreme Chapter was slow in deciding just what her duties and privileges were, and hence the spread of the work was necessarily restricted at this time. Peace and harmony prevailed throughout the state. Many towns were knocking for admission, and letters came pouring in, and the burden of all was information regarding P. E. O. Two new Chapters were organized during this time, one at Harvard and one at South Omaha, and the charters were issued by Mrs. Bryant.

It was with much hope and cheer that the next State Convention assembled at Lincoln, May 28th, 29th, and 30th, 1895. The assembly convened in the Senate Chamber of the State Capitol. Miss Ida Johnson, later to originate the "star ceremony," gave the address of welcome. A very largely attended open meeting was held one evening in the Senate Chamber, literary and musical in its nature. An entertainment bureau, similar in function to the one attempted in 1887 by the Supreme Grand Chapter, was maintained for a few years, and by its report, from Mrs. Allen, was appreciated. Mrs. Carrie McNaughton, of Superior, was here elected President to succeed Mrs. Bryant, whose presiding at this convention closed her active service as an officer, although she was an invaluable aid in preparing for the P. E. O. day at the Omaha Exposition, as well as in procuring us space for headquarters and opportunity to meet P. E. O.'s on the grounds.

MRS. CARRIE M'NAUGHTON'S LIFE AND PRESIDENCY OF NEBRASKA GRAND CHAPTER, BY MRS. CLARA WEST.

Born in Michigan, in 1858, Carrie Flint lived in that state until her removal to Nebraska twenty-one years later. When eighteen she graduated from the Michigan Female Seminary, at Kalamazoo, and completed her education at Nyack-on-the-Hudson, opposite historic Tarrytown. She enjoyed superior advantages here, especially in the cultivation of her talent for painting, becoming an excellent artist. Added to the charm of a cultured mind, her bright, cheerful disposition and generous nature, loyalty to friends and to her duty, make her the possessor of fine social qualities.

Soon after her marriage to Mr. McNaughton they moved to Nelson, Nebraska, where they lived a few years before they established themselves at Superior, Nebraska, from which they finally removed to their present home, Villisca, Iowa.

No community where she lives fails to reap benefit from her influence, and she wins friends readily everywhere. She organized in Superior the Ladies' Library Association, a success from the beginning. For several years she was superintendent of the Sunday-school of her church, and President of its aid society. It was with keen regret that Superior and other Nebraska friends parted with her in 1896. There are three bright children — Fred, Florence, and Malcolm, and nowhere is Mrs. McNaughton more charming than in her home life.

Mrs. Carrie McNaughton.

Mrs. McNaughton became a P. E. O. as a charter member of Chapter D, Superior, in 1889, and has been an ideal P. E. O. in the various capacities in which her Chapter and the state have employed her. She was Grand Chapter Recording Secretary one year, before her election as Grand Chapter President, at Lincoln, in 1895. She made an efficient officer, accomplishing much for the advancement of the Sisterhood in Nebraska, and in Iowa was the leading spirit in organizing the Villisca Chapter. About her administration Mrs. McNaughton writes: "True it is, nothing of real worth can be achieved without courageous working," and this applies to the growth of our Sisterhood in Nebraska. It was composed of members full of resourcefulness, and they proved themselves "up-to-date" by the many ideas they evolved for not only their own good, but which have been followed by those in other states.

Can any of us ever forget, who were present at the convention in Lincoln, those three days of dust and heat, when the cool convention hall seemed a haven of rest. Our Grand Chapter was an infant then, compared with what it is today, but our Executive Board was as full of earnest P. E. O. spirit as the workers of today. Though deprived of the pleasure of attending the Supreme Convention at Omaha, Mrs. Isabelle Day, second state delegate, was a creditable representative.

Chapter P, Bloomington, was organized during the term, and special dispensations were granted to three Chapters. While many appeals to the wisdom of the Executive Board came, 1895 was a most harmonious year.

Although compelled to quit the work in the middle of February, owing to removal to Iowa, the arrangements for the coming convention in May were well in hand. Says Mrs. McNaughton: "It seemed very hard to leave old Nebraska, and I can never forget the thoughtful remembrances I received from the dear sisters. When I reached Lincoln en route to the convention in Holdrege, in May, a surprise reception was given by Chapter K." Much business was transacted at that convention. The work of compiling state by-laws was lightened by committee work that had been done during the year. The entertaining Chapter gave a pretty exemplification of the ritual. For the first time our state voted an appropriation for the Chapter entertaining the Grand Chapter, beside what the constitution provides. Several amendments to the constitution were made, under which we are now working to better advantage. A schedule of places where Chapters might be instituted was made for the benefit of our Organizer. It was here voted that the Nebraska Chapters should entertain the Grand Chapter in rotation, according to the order of their lettering, instead of waiting for invitations as formerly, $50 being allowed each Chapter from the treasury. In this progressive day our work then seems small, but we enjoyed it and our hearts were in it.

No friendships ere can 'rase
The endearments of our earlier days.

There were reported in the state two hundred and eighty members. At this convention the per capita dues of 25 cents each in support of the *Record*, to be sent to each active member, began to be voted, being in support of the Supreme action to that effect, and it has been done annually since. Roberts's Rules of Order were used, as in the other assemblies of the Order. The minutes were also ordered to be printed for the first time.

MRS. CLARA WEST, BY MISS CELIA GORBY.

Clara A. Smith was born in Columbus, Ohio; educated at Tilden Seminary, in Lebanon, New Hampshire, and Quincy, Illinois, College. At the age

Mrs. Clara West.

of seventeen, Miss Smith was married to William B. Crawford, of Staunton, Virginia. The delightful new home was established in Quincy.

Mrs. Crawford was interested in musical affairs, was soprano soloist in the First Presbyterian Church several years, and sang in concerts and local operas.

In 1880 the Crawford home was transplanted to Nelson, Nebraska. With charming versatility, this talented lady adapted herself to the pioneer life of the West, and became at once the active leader in social, musical, and church affairs. The high social standing of the little town of Nelson bore Mrs. Crawford's stamp of culture. The weak, struggling church society soon owed a large share of its material prosperity to this lady's untiring effort and sagacious management. The musical culture of the town is far above the average, and this is largely due to Mrs. Crawford's talent and devotion.

The first great sorrow entered into this happy woman's life when the reaper Death garnered her precious little son Willie into his sheaf for the Master. Three years later her husband was summoned from her side.

In 1891 a P. E. O. Chapter was organized, and Mrs. Crawford chosen its first President. She continued in this office until her marriage with Dr. West, and subsequent removal to Omaha. Chapter J, under Mrs. Crawford's able executive skill, soon attained prominence among the other Chapters in the state. From its membership five Grand Chapter officers have been selected. It has also contributed to the statutory strength of the Order. It is the strongest social organization in Nelson today, and has contributed valuable "village improvement." Mrs. West organized Chapter K at Lincoln, and there became actively allied with P. E. O. again. She filled the office of State President twice, and both of her administrations were marked by growth and strength, and an economic policy.

Under Mrs. West's personal influence and effort Chapters were organized at Crete and Wymore. The organization was personally conducted by Mrs. West to save the expenses of the Organizer. The Grand Chapter Presidency has never been filled more effectively and graciously than by Mrs. Clara A. West, who retired from office at the convention at South Omaha, October, 1898.

While a resident of Lincoln Mrs. West was State Secretary of the Home for the Friendless. She was President of the Wesleyan University Educational Council for Trinity Church, and also a member of the State Board. She was President of the Ladies' Aid Society of the same church; also served several church organizations as president. She was one of a number of ladies selected to talk about art in the public schools of Lincoln and to introduce pictures into the schools. After her removal to Tecumseh, Mrs. West was elected President of the Sorosis Club, also of the City Federation of Clubs.

During twenty-three years service to the church this gifted woman has never accepted a salary, but preferred to dedicate her voice as a gift to God's

service. In her life of wide activities Mrs. West has been trying to "write God's message plain in mortal words" to leave a fresh copy for her successors.

Owing to failing health, Dr. West has retired from practice, and the family have returned to Nelson, where they are living among their old friends, and Mrs. West is reunited with Chapter J, and has had the pleasure of seeing her lovely daughter, Mrs. Harry Follmer, become a P. E. O., an ornament to the Chapter.

MRS. MARY S. MUNRO.

Mary Spaulding Munro was born in the historic old town of Crown Point, New York. Her ancestors, on the father's side, were, for several generations, born and reared in that locality, and so were reckoned among the pioneers of Essex county. Her great-grandfather, a revolutionary soldier, stood by the side of Ethan Allen at the capture of Ticonderoga from the British in 1775. "Spaulding's History of Crown Point," a well-known local work, was written by her grandfather, Samuel S. Spaulding. From her mother she is a direct descendant of Sir Ellice Hicks, who was knighted upon the battle field of Agincourt by Henry V., and afterwards made Knight-Baronet by Henry VI. Captain Simeon Hicks, also a revolutionary veteran, who served with distinction under General Stark at Bennington, and later with Marion in the Carolinas, was her great-grandfather. Coming down to our own time, she is a kinswoman of Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, late Chancellor of the English Exchequer.

Mrs. Mary S. Munro.

At fourteen years of age she entered the academy at Port Henry, New York, and graduated with special honors as valedictorian of her class, receiving also two certificates of scholarship from the Board of Regents of the State of New York. The following year she moved with her parents to northern Nebraska and began work as a teacher in the public schools. During the terrible blizzard of 1888, in which so many teachers and children perished, she was teaching at Emmet, a town on the F. E. M. V. Railway in Nebraska. Instead of dismissing her pupils to be lost in the blinding snow, she kept every child in the building while the storm lasted, nearly twenty-four hours. Next morning all were rescued safe and sound. Her description of this event and the way in which she passed that memorable day and night makes a thrilling story. For this act of forethought and decision in so young a teacher, Miss Spaulding won the lasting gratitude of the townspeople, and was classed among the heroines of the greatest blizzard ever known in the West.

The same year she accepted the principalship of one of the schools in South Omaha, Nebraska. In January, 1889, she was appointed principal of the South Omaha High School, which position she held until her marriage in 1891 to Alexander A. Munro, then superintendent of the schools of that city. Nearly three months were spent in travel in the United States and Canada.

Returning West, Mrs. Munro devoted much of her time to an art for which from childhood she had shown marked talent. In less than three years she had completed courses of study in elocution, oratory, and the philosophy of expression at two conservatories, Omaha and Chicago. She now became popular as a public reader, and her services were freely donated to assist churches, hospitals, the Y. M. C. A., G. A. R., and other organizations in Omaha and South Omaha.

In 1894 a great sorrow came to her. The beautiful baby boy, who had been with his parents but three months, died suddenly, leaving the home desolate. It was in this dark time of mourning that Mrs. Munro was invited by Chapter M, P. E. O., of South Omaha, to become one of its members. Upon her initiation she was made Chaplain of the Society, the next year chairman of the Programme Committee, and for two years she presided over the Chapter as its chief officer.

February 15th, 1897, a second son, Thomas Boston, was born. At an election held by the citizens of South Omaha, Mrs. Munro was chosen one of the two women who should represent that city on the Board of Lady Managers and Bureau of Education at the Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition to be held at Omaha during the summer.

In September, 1898, Chapter M entertained the P. E. O. State Convention, and at that time Mrs. Munro was unanimously elected President of the State P. E. O. of Nebraska. During that busy fall her duties embraced several distinct lines of work. Her home and child called for a large share of her time, yet in addition to this, she served on one of the most important committees of the Exposition Board. She was President of the Chapter entertaining the State P. E. O., and also had a part on the programme of P. E. O. Day in the Woman's Congress of the Exposition, held October 6th, 1898.

This was indeed a great day for P. E. O. From 10 to 12 A. M. a reception was given at P. E. O. headquarters in the Nebraska building. This was followed by the programme of the day, which took place in the First Congregational Church, one of the finest structures in Omaha. The great auditorium was filled. Loyal P. E. O.'s, many coming from distant states, hosts of friends, exposition visitors, were all gathered to listen and learn more of this "Peculiarly Exclusive Order" which is attracting the attention of thousands of cultured, noble women throughout the country. It was a goodly sight. Special interest centered upon the platform, on which were seated the notables of the day, the P. E. O. Executive Board, Supreme Grand Chapter Officers, and Mrs. Alice Babb, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, who represented our "cherished original seven," the founders of the Sisterhood.

Mrs. Munro's election to the highest P. E. O. office in the state the day before this congress met completed a list of varied duties connected with P. E. O. work that year, and their successful discharge offered a practical test of her exceptional executive ability.

Just at this time, Mr. Munro, having resigned the superintendency of the South Omaha schools, went to New York City to engage in a new field of work, but feeling that P. E. O. interests still required her presence in Nebraska, Mrs. Munro remained for nearly four months, and when she left with her little son to make a new home in the far East, it was with the best wishes of her P. E. O. sisters in Nebraska. It was upon her resignation at this time that Mrs. Alberta Fox assumed the duties of State President.

MRS. ALBERTA FOX, BY MISS VIRGINIA CORBETT.

Mrs. Fox is a native of Illinois, but removed with her parents to Nebraska when a mere child, so that she can well claim the "Tree Planter" State as her true home. Ellen Alberta Corbett was the formal name which appeared upon the teacher's register in her school days. Her education was begun in the

public schools of Nelson and continued later at Hastings College. She taught school in the country, and then in her old home town of Nelson, where she married Mr. Henry Fox, and where she has since resided. She has always been interested in P. E. O. work. She is active in church work and holds a synodical office in the Presbyterian Women's Missionary Society. She comes of a P. E. O. family, her mother and three sisters all belonging to the Order.

Mrs. Alberta C. Fox.

Mrs. Alberta C. Fox was a charter member of Chapter J, at Nelson. From the organization of her Chapter the mystic bond of P. E. O. had been a cherished factor in her life. She was entrusted by her sisters with various official duties, serving as President two years. In 1895 she represented her Chapter at the Grand Chapter Convention at Lincoln, and was elected Grand Treasurer at that meeting. She performed the duties of this office for nearly two years. During this time she prepared a complete new set of books for the Grand Chapter, and arranged a corresponding set of books for uniform use in local Chapters. She was chosen by the Nebraska Grand Chapter first delegate to the Supreme Convention at Newton, Iowa, in 1897. A few weeks later Mrs. Fox was appointed First Vice-President of Nebraska Grand Chapter to fill the vacancy in the Executive Board left by the death of Mrs. Ella Allen.

A year later the delegates to the Grand Chapter honored her with a nomination for President, but she was obliged on account of recent illness to decline at that time any additional work and responsibility. She consented, however, to accept a re-election as First Vice-President. Only three months later the President's removal from the state caused the duties of that office to devolve upon Mrs. Fox. The oath of office was administered to her by Mrs. West, Past President of Nebraska Grand Chapter, and was filed with the President of the Supreme Grand Chapter March 5th, 1899. As her first official act, Mrs. Fox called Mrs. Hapeman, the Second Vice-President, to the office of First Vice-President, and filled the office of Second Vice-President by the appointment of Mrs. Patterson, of Bloomington.

The year was marked with a great deal of official correspondence, various questions of interest arising at different times in nearly all the Chapters of the state. Mrs. Fox took special interest in efforts to organize new Chapters in many Nebraska towns during her term of office. At a number of places marked interest resulted, which has since developed into the organization of fine Chapters. A Chapter at Broken Bow was organized during her term of office by the Grand Chapter Organizer, Mrs. Barbour.

An illustration of the unexpected duties of a State President was furnished by the changes in place for holding the annual convention. It was Nelson's turn to entertain, but owing to special reasons it seemed peculiarly difficult for them to offer the hospitality they wanted to show the Grand Chapter at this particular time. The honor was offered to Harvard, and very cordially accepted by them. After every Chapter had been notified of the change, unexpected conditions arose, which seemed to make it expedient to change the place of meeting to Crete by mutual consent. Again all the Chapters were notified of the change in place of holding the convention, and plans were altered to suit the new locality. With this arrangement everything promised beautifully, the programme was arranged, and the meeting was only a few weeks away, when, as if to prove that the unexpected happens, internal trouble arose in the Crete Chapter, which not only necessitated a change of the place of meeting, but resulted in the dissolution of the Chapter. The Nelson Chapter arose to this emergency, and resolving to overcome all difficulties, they at once extended a cordial invitation for the convention to meet with them.

Mrs. Fox again notified all the Chapters of this change in the location of the convention. It was also necessary for her to make an entire change in arrangement of the programme, on account of the difference in the arrival and departure of trains in the two places.

Good often comes from seeming evil, and the plans Mrs. Fox arranged at this time for holding a short business session the evening preceding the first regular session of the convention proved so successful that it has been followed since then at all succeeding meetings of the Grand Chapter.

The convention was a very pleasant and profitable one, an unusually large amount of business being disposed of. Mrs. Fox was re-elected by a very flattering vote, but on account of her home duties she felt it necessary to decline the honor. She was, however, again elected delegate to the Supreme Convention, which met that fall in Chicago. She has always retained unabated interest in her own Chapter, and her love for all that concerns the welfare of the Sisterhood.

MRS. CARRIE HAPEMAN'S ADMINISTRATION, BY HERSELF.

"The moving finger writes; and having writ,
Moves on; nor all thy piety nor wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a line,
Nor all thy tears wash out a word of it."

With what force this comes to us as we call to memory the P. E. O. events of the two short years of Nebraska's history chronicled between June, 1899, and June, 1901.

At the close of the tenth annual convention, held in the beautiful little city of Nelson, June 13th, 14th, and 15th, 1899, we turned our faces homeward with hearts all atune to the joyous songs of the birds and the sweet smiles of the flowers, conscious that in the cordial greeting from Chapter J, in the warm fellowship of sisters, in the interchange of sympathy and ideas we had indeed received inspiration and courage to support the laws and principles of our Sisterhood.

Just previous to the convention, Chapter R, of Crete, had sent in a request to disband. It was thought best to send a committee to investigate their difficulties, and Mrs. Fox, President, appointed as that committee Mrs. Lillian Parmele, Mrs. Maud Cornell, and Mrs. Carrie R. Hapeman. Before returning to their homes, this committee visited Crete, and after a very careful examination it was the unanimous opinion that the Nebraska Grand Chapter should accept the return of the charter. This was done by action of the next convention, held at Harvard. The loss of this Chapter neutralized the gain of Clay Center.

Through lack of funds no personal work for growth could be carried on, and the effort made through correspondence did not produce the hoped for numerical results. Yet the year 1899 was destined to crown Nebraska with glory by placing the laurel wreath upon the fair brow of one of her talented P. E. O.'s, when the Supreme Convention, held in Chicago, in October, voted to adopt the use of the star in the ceremony, as perfected by Miss Ida Johnson, of Chapter K, Lincoln.

The growth of the spirit of P. E. O. throughout the state was most noticeable, the interest increasing, and with the financial assistance rendered by the Supreme Chapter through the efforts of Supreme President, Mrs. Flora Herring, encouragement, hope, and good cheer filled the atmosphere as we gathered in convention at Harvard, June 5th, 6th, and 7th, 1900. The vacancy caused

by the resignation of Mrs. Maud Cornell, First Vice-President, was filled by Second Vice-President Mrs. Mary Patterson, and Mrs. Hulda Miller, of Holdrege, was appointed as Second Vice-President.

The weather and the entertaining ladies vied with each other for our comfort. One feature of the convention which proved of great benefit and pleasure was the "Model P. E. O. Meeting," given by Chapter L. The exemplification of the initiation ceremony was certainly a model for all to follow; the business methods well worthy of imitation, while the witticisms cheered us through the monotony of business routine. Mrs. Lida Wilcox made a bright little speech in their miscellaneous hour. She said:

"I have been thinking—I mean in the course of my meditations it occurred to me—what a very progressive age this is, and how very fortunate Chapter L is. For instance, last year when Grand Chapter met the presiding officer was a Fox, cunning and crafty to be sure, but a—Fox. This year, as our English sisters would say, 'we 'ave an (H)ape man.' Again, last year the Supreme Grand President was a Herring—quick and lively, but nevertheless a Herring. This year behold a Campbell! When we began our preparations for the convention the first thing we did was to elect Carrie Budlong President, knowing that Carrie would carry things through, and what Carrie could not carry Carrie Hapeman would carry, and what neither Carrie could carry the Campbell would carry. But my story has grown long as well as the speaker, and I move that Chapter L extend a vote of thanks to the Campbell for coming all the way from Iowa to help us on with the show."

Realizing that—

"One step at a time, and that well placed,
We reach the grandest height,"

plans were discussed and laid for the betterment of P. E. Oism in Nebraska.

The eleventh cycle closed and the twelfth was ushered in. June 7th the resignation of Mrs. Sara Reuling, elected Second Vice-President, was received, and Mrs. Laurie M. L. Vance, of Wymore, was appointed to fill the place.

Through the interest and efficient work of the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Edith Youngstedt, a book similar to the Supreme Corresponding Secretary's was purchased, and a perfected list of membership written. Of this book Nebraska is justly proud. While it is true that conscientious endeavor was made to perfect the work along all lines, it is but just to say that the enthusiasm, energy, and tact exerted by our ambitious Organizer, Mrs. Jennie Burch, of South Omaha, proved most beneficial, the results of which were very

evident. Three new Chapters came into existence during the year, Butte, University Place, and Blue Hill, scoring a membership March 1st, 1901, of seven hundred and twenty-one, four hundred and fifty-two of whom were active.

The social, literary, and philanthropic work varied with the different Chapters, with a tendency for greater philanthropic efforts. The story of a year is told, its blessings have been enjoyed, and their memory remains with us as something sweet and precious, a joyous chord in the music of our lives.

MRS. CARRIE R. HAPEMAN, BY MRS. JULIA M. KLINCK.

Mrs. Carrie Russell-Hapeman, of Minden, Nebraska, was born in Wyoming, New York, where her happy childhood was passed. As the daughter of a Baptist minister, who held many important charges—as Minneapolis, Minnesota; Waterloo, Iowa, and Morrison, Illinois—she enjoyed exceptional educational and social advantages, which tended to the laying of deep and broad foundations of character. Her girlhood days were spent principally in Illinois. There she taught in the public schools, and there she was married to Dr. Harry Hapeman, in October, 1883.

She is a charter member of Chapter N, Minden, Nebraska, which was organized by Mrs. Lulu Patrick, March 29th, 1895. Her life and natural bent being entirely in accord with the principles of P. E. O., it was easy for her to advance, and in rapid succession she rose by interest and diligence from local Treasurer through the various offices of Vice-President, President, State Organizer, First Vice-President of the Grand Chapter, Grand Chapter President (two terms), to the Supreme Presidency in the short space of six years, a record which proves her sterling worth and unusual executive ability. Her work in P. E. O. has been characterized by thoroughness, keen insight, and enthusiasm. In whatever office she has been placed, she has brought to it the most earnest thought of an earnest mind. Neglecting no item necessary to complete information in regard to the work in hand, and no detail, however irksome, which would insure its perfect performance, she has been remarkably successful in all her undertakings.

At the Holdrege convention, where she was first sent as delegate, she was appointed by Mrs. West to form an installation ceremony which Nebraska might suggest to the Supreme Chapter. This she did, and submitted it by exemplification at the Wahoo convention. From there it was taken, by the recommendation of the Nebraska Grand Chapter, to the Supreme Convention at Newton. As the Iowa ladies were wrestling with the same problem, Mrs. Hapeman was added to the Iowa committee, and appointed to carry the work

to the Supreme Chapter at its convention at Chicago. There it was received, adopted, immediately used in the installation of the new officers, and found so perfectly adapted to its purpose that it remains in use to this day practically unchanged from the text as it first came from Mrs. Hapeman's hands.

Mrs. Carrie R. Hapeman.

Since the star ceremony was also adopted at this convention, it was discovered that some harmonizing plans for conducting it were necessary, and the committee, Mrs. Hapeman, Mrs. Julia Robinson, Mrs. Lue Weber, and Mrs. Mollie Campbell, were continued at the Palmer House in official session after the adjournment of the Supreme Chapter until the work was finished.

Mrs. Hapeman has lived nearly nineteen years in the West, and is thoroughly identified with it. She is of a progressive spirit, of broad and liberal

views, of just and generous impulses, delighting to give of her time and talents to any public enterprise or philanthropic work which she believes will tend toward the improvement of the little city of her adoption or benefit those about her. She is a disciple of the Master; constant in church, Sunday-school, and mission work, finding the P. E. O. but another branch of His service in which she loves to labor. Her heart, hand, and home are ever open to the advancement of Christian interests, and many a story might be told of private benevolences, which she and her husband share, that have helped to mould and direct young lives in right and scholarly ways; and the sick, the poor, and the sorrowing about her have reason to bless her ready sympathy and helpful alleviating hand. As the wife of a physician, well and widely known, she is in a position to wield large influence, having means and leisure to give to her chosen work, and the ability to carry it forward in a masterly manner.

Mrs. Hapeman early showed artistic instincts. She believes that the beautiful is its own excuse for being, and brings its elevating influence into all of life which touches hers. An artist of no small attainment, Chapter X and Nebraska Grand Chapter have been much benefited by her skill in this direction, while her own home is richly adorned with the products of her busy brush. She has been an exhibitor of ceramics at the Omaha exhibitions on several occasions, and had exhibits in both the Woman's and Nebraska buildings during the World's Fair, some of which were specially noted and favorably commented upon by a leading art journal of Boston. In the China Painter's Blue Book, issued in 1897, she is listed, and her portrait given among the prominent members of the Nebraska Ceramic Club.

The slightest sketch of a woman's life would be incomplete without some mention of its domestic side, and here again the record rings true. Nowhere does the sunshine of her presence fall with brighter or more comforting ray than upon her own hearth-stone. The faithful helpmeet of a man whose greatest joy is her pleasure, she is in her own home a very queen, dispensing its favors with a cordial hospitality which all who share enjoy. The impress of her personality is upon all its belongings, and she is past mistress of all those domestic arts which go to the making of a well appointed home. Appropos of this we here append a little story. She was conversing one day with an artist friend upon the subject of painting in general, and was asked what branch of art she preferred. "Making pickles, I think," she replied promptly, and defended the playful proposition by saying that she did not know but it was about as much of an art to make good pickles as to paint good pictures.

Mrs. Hapeman is a very popular woman in her own town and with the home Chapter. She is a natural leader. Having well-grounded opinions, she has the courage they inspire, and the perseverance to carry out her own plans. She is possessed of a pleasing personality, of medium height, with blue eyes and sunny hair, a blithe and merry disposition, and has the happy faculty of not only winning friends but of keeping them. She is a very strong factor in the social, intellectual, and religious life of her own home town, and few in it have done more to elevate its social and moral status. In P. E. O. she is a strong informing power, and with all she has accomplished, which may not half be told, the woman is more than her work.

MRS. MARY JOHNSON-AXTELL, BY MRS. GEORGIA DARNALL.

Mrs. Axtell's father, Walter S. Johnson, and mother, Sarah B. Gibson, were born in Indiana, but moved to Iowa when quite young. They were married and began housekeeping near Cincinnati, Iowa, where Mary Johnson was born. At the call "to arms" Mr. Johnson volunteered for service in the civil war, and was Second Lieutenant of the 36th Iowa Infantry, and was in command at the battle of Little Rock. He was a member of General Drake's staff.

Mrs. Mary Johnson-Axtell.

Mary Johnson was but two years old when her parents removed to Centerville, Iowa. It was there she spent her girlhood days and received her education in the public schools, graduating from the Centerville High School and at Hastings College, Nebraska. When quite young Mary Johnson showed plainly the characteristics which time and practice have developed. A school friend of hers was heard to say recently: "Mary Johnson was in every way a first-class girl. She was never negligent in study and always an industrious, conscientious, and faithful girl." Possessing no vanity or stiffness, she was always free and natural, and many are her strong admirers who were schoolmates with her. She cultivated the faculty of saying a happy thing of everybody, and was watchful not to offend a sensitive person.

At the close of her college days Mary Johnson, with her parents, moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, where, on January 4th, 1899, she was married to Mr. Oren Irwood Axtell, a business man of Lincoln. Mr. Axtell brought with him two daughters, Evelyn, fourteen, and little Marie, four years old. Thus Mrs. Axtell began domestic responsibilities, and is a sympathetic mother and companion, directing by gentle touch in ways of culture and refinement which only one in the position and attitude of a mother can give to girl life. Her fondness for home and the pleasure she takes in the family circle and its joys testify to her true worth. She is a charming hostess, who finds enjoyment in the pleasure of her guests, and who delights to give pleasure. But her sphere of usefulness extends beyond the boundaries of home, and her name may be associated with the advancement of noble charities and Christian work. She has been a consistent and useful member of the Methodist Episcopal Church since her girlhood, and is now an active member of Grace Methodist Episcopal Church, Lincoln. She taught a class of boys for years, and only gave it up because of too many duties. She is the Assistant Superintendent of Sunday-school, President of the Ladies' Aid Society, besides being active in the missionary societies. She also served for some time on the Executive Board of the Woman's Council of the Nebraska Wesleyan University.

Mrs. Axtell has been for years a member of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, and has always had at heart the best interests of this great organization. Her P. E. O. life began in Centerville, Iowa, where her generous conduct and genial ways, dignified and womanly bearing, held the friends attracted by her strong common sense, her evenness of temper, her willingness to oblige, and the kindly thought for everybody which dominates every act. After moving to Lincoln, she, with others, was soon interested in having a P. E. O. organization in the capital city, and she became a charter member of Chapter K, Nebraska. She steadfastly grew in the estimation of her friends while she filled the various offices in the Chapter, and was sent as a delegate to the State Convention held at Hastings. She was again a delegate when the convention met at Harvard, in June, 1900, and was elected by that body to the office of State Recording Secretary, and finally, at the convention held in Minden, in June, 1901, she was elected President of the Nebraska Grand Chapter. She made a good presiding officer, combining grace and dignity with the ability to see quickly what should be done.

It is no disparagement to the family life, to the many friends who have tasted her courtesy and hospitality, to say that she probably loves P. E. O. duty next to home and church. Mrs. Axtell's only sister was Miss Ida Johnson, the originator of the P. E. O. star initiation.

ADMINISTRATION OF MARY JOHNSON-AXTELL.

The twelfth annual convention of the Nebraska State Grand Chapter was held at Minden, Nebraska. The business of the convention was disposed of with precision and promptness, presided over by Mrs. Carrie R. Hapeman, of Minden, the principal features being the revision of the state by-laws and the address of the Supreme Grand Chapter President, Mrs. Mollie Campbell, and the accounts of social, literary, and charitable works accomplished by the Chapters throughout the State of Nebraska. This convention elected Mrs. Mary Johnson-Axtell as its President for the coming year.

After the heat of the summer was past, Mrs. Axtell took up the year's work with the pleasant anticipation of attending the Supreme Grand Chapter to be held in Des Moines, October, 1901.

Nebraska's delegates, accompanied by Mrs. Hapeman and Mrs. Axtell, traveled together to Des Moines, and that convention proved both a pleasure and profit to all. Mrs. Axtell carried with her an invitation from Chapter K, of Lincoln, for the next Supreme Convention, and was delighted to return with the acceptance by that body. The state delegation was indeed proud and much elated over the recognition and honor conferred upon one of the number, Mrs. Carrie R. Hapeman, of Minden, being elected Supreme President.

Soon after Mrs. Axtell's return home the campaign for new Chapters in Nebraska was launched, it having been decided that to accomplish the best results personal work must be done in towns where interest in P. E. O. was shown, and where it was deemed desirable for Chapters to be organized. This personal work was possible through the generosity of the Supreme Grand Chapter in granting us half of the expenses for such organizations. The State Organizer, Mrs. Jennie A. Burch, was therefore instructed to work to that end, and the results were very gratifying. Mrs. Burch very judiciously planned her visits to such towns as she would pass through on her trips of inspection, thus making a very trifling extra expense, and during the year, through her earnest efforts and zeal, seven strong Chapters were organized, as follows: McCook, Red Cloud, Beatrice, Edgar, Central City, Aurora, and Seward.

During the weeks and months as they passed, Mrs. Axtell wrote hundreds of letters relative to the organization of new Chapters, endeavoring to further the interests of P. E. O. all along the lines, answering inquiries, planning for the coming state convention, realizing, as one never can until called to such work, the responsibilities, burdens, and also the privileges and pleasures that

devolve upon our sisters whom we call to fill our offices from year to year. Harmony existed the entire year in the Executive Board.

Soon the year was gone, and the thirteenth annual convention of the Grand Chapter, at Geneva, was at hand. Although handicapped by the rainy weather of those three days of the convention, yet the ladies went about with smiles on their faces, cheer in their greetings, and planned for our enjoyment as if the sun was shining all the time, and we recall with pleasure the reception, the musical, the drive, and visit to the Girls' Industrial School, also the reception given by the husbands as the closing event.

It was a pleasure to look into the faces of the representatives of twenty-seven P. E. O. Chapters in Nebraska, and to gain enthusiasm from their presence. We had as guests of honor at this convention Mrs. Carrie R. Hapeman, Supreme President; Miss Mary Osmond, Editor of the *P. E. O. Record:* Miss Ida B. Johnson, originator of the star ceremony, and Mrs. Julia M. Klinck, first delegate to the Supreme Convention. One of the delights of the convention was the listening to the graphic and interesting report of the last Supreme Convention, so ably presented by Mrs. Klinck. During the business of the convention a few changes and additions were made to state by-laws; the amount granted the entertaining Chapter being raised from $25 to $50, and a by-law made whereby the first delegate to the Supreme Grand Chapter shall be allowed her expense to the following State Convention at which her report of said Supreme Convention is given. Corresponding Secretary Miss Edith Youngstedt had prepared a book in which a record is kept of all officers and delegates to each State Convention. The idea that the time had arrived for P. E. O.'s to take a definite stand in some public or philanthrophic work was presented and discussed during the convention, and a committee appointed to thoroughly investigate the matter and report at the next convention.

As we again turned our steps homeward, while the feeling of freedom from responsibility was great, yet we were proud to have been considered worthy to help share the burdens and contribute our little mite toward advancing the interest and principles of our Sisterhood.

MRS. JENNIE A. BURCH.

Jennie Allen Burch, of South Omaha, President of the Nebraska Grand Chapter, was born in Maryville, Missouri. Mrs. Burch may be said to be a Nebraska girl, however, as her parents moved to this state when she was only a year old. She began teaching at an early age, and through earnest endeavor

rose rapidly in her profession. At the time of her marriage to Charles A. Burch, in March, 1897, she had held the principalship of one of the South Omaha schools for six years.

Mrs. Jennie Burch.

She was received into Chapter M in June, 1898, and the enthusiasm which won her success as a teacher has characterized her work in P. E. O. At her first convention, at Minden, in 1900, she was elected State Organizer, holding this office for two years. By studying carefully how best to promote the growth of P. E. O. in Nebraska the first year, she was able to put into practice some of her plans, and the second year she organized seven prosperous Chapters—the best year's record ever made in Nebraska. The knowledge gained by her two years' work among the Chapters in Nebraska fitted her admirably for her present position as President, to which office she was elected at the convention held in Geneva, in June, 1902. Her Chapter work has not been neglected, she having held several offices, among them being that of President. Her zeal and enthusiasm is such along this and other lines that her future cannot but be marked with success, whether it ends officially with the State Convention of June, 1903, at Wymore, or leads up through higher work.

The Iowa Grand Chapter.

BY MARY OSMOND, IN P. E. O. RECORD.

About six weeks before the meeting of the Supreme Grand Chapter at Waterloo, the Ottumwa Chapter sent to each Iowa Chapter a letter asking its opinion as to the formation of a State Grand Chapter for Iowa, and that if it desired it, it would give its signature to a petition to the Supreme Grand Chapter asking for its establishment, and a form of credential to be filled out and signed for one of its delegates to a convention to meet on Friday evening, at Waterloo, after the adjournment of the Supreme Grand Chapter. The responses were very favorable, and an Iowa Grand Chapter was a foregone conclusion. The new constitution there adopted would also have made it necessary, since it required the establishment of a State Grand Chapter whenever a state had seven Chapters. Accordingly the following petition was presented:

"*To the President of the Supreme Grand Chapter of P. E. O.:*

"The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents that they are members in good standing from Chapters N, AO, AC, L, AY, AN, AE, S, M, AF, P, K, I, E, T, G, AU, A, F, AT, AP, and B. (Signed by the Presidents.) According to the constitution of the Supreme Grand Chapter the P. E. O.'s in the State of Iowa are called upon to form a State Grand Chapter. They are qualified to form and open a State Grand Chapter, and to properly discharge the duties thereof. Having the good of the Order at heart, and desirous to extend the blessings of P. E. O., they pray for a charter empowering them to form a State Grand Chapter subordinate to and to be conducted in accordance with the constitution and edicts of the Supreme Grand Chapter of P. E. O.

"Lulu McHenry, Chapter AC.
"Mrs. Ella De Arnold, Chapter O.
"Mrs. Alice Babb, Chapter A.
"Mrs. C. G. Anderson, Chapter AF.
"Miss Emily McCormick, Chapter Z.
"Mrs. Ollie Gates Pulliam, Chapter M."

In response to the petition by Iowa Chapters, the convention granted a charter to Iowa for organizing a State Grand Chapter.

At 9:30 o'clock Friday evening, after the Supreme Chapter had finished its work, Mrs. Winnie Durland, first Supreme Organizer, having just been installed in the new office, assumed the chair, and called together the delegates for the Iowa Grand Chapter, Mrs. A. R. Dewey being Secretary of the meeting. Upon motion, all Iowa delegates present were allowed a seat in the convention. Their names were: Mrs. Ada McConaughey, Bonaparte; Miss Flora Wilson and Mrs. Nell Bosworth, Ames; Mrs. Lulu McHenry and Mrs. Jennie Ballard, Des Moines; Mrs. Belle Harvey, Leon; Mrs. Sarah R. Dewey and Miss Ida Roberts, Washington; Miss Marie Lyons, Winterset; Mrs. Pulliam and Miss Frankie Singley, Moulton; Mrs. Alice Spilman and Mrs. Ella Swartz, Ottumwa; Miss Emma McCormick, Chariton; Mrs. Alice Babb and Miss Grace Roberts, Mt. Pleasant; Mrs. Josephine Miller, Keosauqua; Mrs. Elmo Hammond, Oskaloosa; Helen Carey, Keokuk; Mrs. Madge Beem, What Cheer; Miss Bertha Morrison, Atlantic; Mamie Evans, Garden Grove; Mrs. Josie Smith, Centerville; Mrs. Daisy Green and Mrs. Frank Carleton, East Des Moines; Mrs. Marie Vawter and Mrs. Nettie Hart, Knoxville; Miss Mary Osmond and Mrs. May Beard, Osceola; Ollie Rominger and Emma McAtee, Bloomfield; Mrs. R. I. Robinson, Brooklyn.

Mrs. Lulu McHenry, of Des Moines, read the following resolution, which was at once adopted:

WHEREAS, The constitution of the Supreme Grand Chapter provides that when seven Chapters exist in a state a State Grand Chapter shall be organized.

Resolved, That we now proceed to organize ourselves into a State Grand Chapter, to be known as the Iowa Grand Chapter of P. E. O.

A motion was carried to have a committee of three to form by-laws. Miss Ella Randel was appointed, with instructions to select the other members. It was voted to count no proxies but vote on the offices to be filled according to the state constitution just adopted. The election resulted:

President—Mrs. Alice Spilman, of Ottumwa.
First Vice-President—Miss Bertha Morrison, of Atlantic.
Second Vice-President—Miss Emma McCormick, of Chariton.
Recording Secretary—Miss Flora Wilson, of Ames.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss S. Marie Lyons, of Winterset.
Treasurer—Mrs. Lulu McHenry, of Des Moines.

The office of Organizer was left vacant, as the convention would meet in June, and the new constitution be sent out by that time. Mrs. Durland

being obliged to leave the city at this point, Mrs. Briggs took the chair for the remainder of the organization, and installed the officers. The committee, consisting of Mrs. Josie T. Smith, of Centerville, and Mrs. Elmo Hammond, of Oskaloosa, appointed to attend to re-lettering Iowa Chapters, having been given further time to do the work, was also a reason for organizing no more Chapters until that was done, as no charters could be issued until then.

Invitations were given by delegates from Chariton and Ottumwa to meet there in the June convention, and Chariton's was accepted, and Ottumwa was voted thanks.

When the minutes of this meeting were read by Mrs. Dewey, and approved, it was past midnight.

IOWA GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS.

1893-1894.

President—Mrs. Alice Spilman, Ottumwa.
First Vice-President—Miss Bertha Morrison, Atlantic.
Second Vice-President—Miss Emma McCormick, Chariton.
Recording Secretary—Miss Flora Wilson, Ames.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss S. Marie Lyons, Winterset.
Treasurer—Mrs. Lulu A. McHenry, 919 18th street, Des Moines.

1894-1895.

President—Mrs. Alice Spilman, Ottumwa.
First Vice-President—Miss Bertha Morrison, Cedar Falls.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Margaret Stanton, Ames.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Flora C. Herring, Fairfield.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Estella B. Walker, Keosauqua.
Treasurer—Mrs. Lulu A. McHenry, 919 18th street, Des Moines.
Organizer—Mrs. Walter Campbell, Oskaloosa.

1895-1896.

President—Mrs. Lulu A. McHenry, Lonoke, Arkansas.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Hortense R. Reynolds, 901 Des Moines street, East Des Moines.
Second Vice-President—Miss Elizabeth Dunlap, 503 N. 3d st., Keokuk.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Flora C. Herring, Fairfield.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Estella B. Walker, Keosauqua.

Treasurer—Mrs. Josie T. Smith, Centerville.
Organizer—Mrs. Julia N. Robinson, Cedar Falls.

1896-1897.

President—Mrs. Flora C. Herring, Fairfield.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Walter Campbell, Oskaloosa.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Estella B. Walker, Keosauqua.
Recording Secretary—Miss S. Marie Lyons, Winterset.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Maud Anderson, Albia.
Treasurer—Mrs. Josie T. Smith, Centerville.
Organizer—Mrs. Julia N. Robinson, Cedar Falls.

1897-1898.

President—Mrs. Walter Campbell, Oskaloosa.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Estella B. Walker, Keosauqua.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. May B. Snider, Mt. Pleasant.
Recording Secretary—Miss Nellie Richards, Osceola.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Maud C. Anderson, Albia.
Treasurer—Mrs. Mame S. Matthews, Bloomfield.
Organizer—Mrs. Laura P. Couch, Waterloo.

1898-1899.

President—Mrs. Walter Campbell, Oskaloosa.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Estella B. Walker, Keosauqua.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. May B. Snider, Mt. Pleasant.
Recording Secretary—Miss Nellie Richards, Osceola.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Walter Irish, 1224 5th St., Des Moines.
Treasurer—Mrs. Mame S. Matthews, Bloomfield.
Organizer—Mrs. M. Lue Weber, 1011 Cedar St., Atlantic.

1899-1900.

President—Mrs. May B. Snider, Mt. Pleasant.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Katherine Boehmler, Cedar Falls.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Mary McDonald Knapp, Ames.
Recording Secretary—Miss May Collins, Knoxville.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Walter Irish, 1224 5th St., Des Moines.
Treasurer—Mrs. Mame S. Matthews, Bloomfield.
Organizer—Mrs. M. Lue Weber, 1011 Cedar St., Atlantic.

1900-1901.

President—Mrs. M. Lue Weber, 1011 Cedar St., Atlantic.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Mary McDonald Knapp, Ames.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. A. P. Spencer, Oskaloosa.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Winona Evans-Reeves, Keokuk.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Walter Irish, 1224 5th St., Des Moines.
Treasurer—Mrs. Ellie C. Buttles, Burlington.
Organizer—Mrs. Katharine Boehmler, Cedar Falls.

1901-1902.

President—Mrs. Walter Irish, 1224 5th street, Des Moines.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Winona Evans-Reeves, Keokuk.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Georgia Darnall, Centerville.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Siddie Richards, Waterloo.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Eva B. Singley, Moulton.
Treasurer—Mrs. Ellie C. Buttles, Burlington.
Organizer—Mrs. Nettie L. Michener, Chariton.

1902-1903.

President—Mrs. Mary McDonald Knapp, Ames.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Winona Evans-Reeves, Keokuk.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Julia Shelton, Indianola.
Recording Secretary—Miss Edith Prouty, Humboldt.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Effie L. Fortune, Bloomfield.
Treasurer—Mrs. Ellie C. Buttles, Burlington.
Organizer—Mrs. Huldah Reed, What Cheer.

THE CHARITON CONVENTION.

The second convention of the Iowa Grand Chapter was held at Chariton, Iowa, June, 1894. Excepting two, all Iowa Chapters were represented. The address of welcome was given by Past Supreme President Mrs. Jessie M. Thayer, of Chariton Chapter, and the response by Miss Morrison, First Vice-President of the Iowa Grand Chapter. Mrs. Spilman, as the President, was in the chair.

The newness of the organization of the Iowa Grand Chapter precluded any very startling developments. The three days were well filled with routine committee work, so necessary to any order, but the occasional bit of music, vocal or instrumental, and a realistic recitation relieved the monotony of such work and brightened the path of duty.

Mrs. Hammond, of Oskaloosa, chairman of the Committee on Re-lettering Chapters, reported the work duly finished. Each Chapter in the state, with one exception, that of Mt. Pleasant, was obliged to change its designating letter.

Wednesday evening Mrs. Thayer gave a delightful social function at her beautiful home—"Ilion"—where the sisters were all made to feel the charm of the occasion, and on Thursday evening a large reception, given by Chapter N, took place at the homes of Miss Emily McCormick and Mrs. Bartholemew, with the large stretch of lawn between giving ample room for the large and brilliant assembly, wherein visiting P. E. O.'s were much honored.

The last day of the convention was held the exemplification of the ritual, and the ever-important election and installation of officers. Mrs. Alice Spilman was re-elected President.

Appended is the response to the address of welcome by Miss Bertha Morrison. Its many uses of the P. E. O. letters gives it unique value. She said:

"The mysterious veil of silence and secrecy throws a double charm over the tie that binds us together, rendering its labors easy and its obligations pleasant. In this very bond of secrecy, however, may lie the chief source of misunderstanding of the aims of our Sisterhood on the part of those outside. By many we will ever be looked upon as a Peculiarly Exclusive Order, and the more we Persistently Elude Observation in carrying forward our work the more shall we run the risk of being considered Pharisees, Every One. Yet, though we may prove Perfect Enigmas Often, even to our dear friends who may be without the charmed circle, yet it is certain that if we Preserve Equilibrium Outwardly, we shall finally be able to Practically Eliminate Opposition. To those who have penetrated the mysteries of P. E. O., it must ever seem a Practical Elevating Order. We are in the flush of early dawn of a new day for women. In the Prevailing Egyptian Obscurity of the past women have too generally been looked upon as merely Perfectly Etheral Objects and Positively Enchanting Oreads. The blue-stocking or strong-minded, independent woman has been pronounced a Positively Execrable Ogre. Women have been expected to Prove Entertaining Only, and have been Pronounced Eminently Ornamental. But this has proved Palaver Entirely Overdone. Latterly, women might more properly be termed Perpetual Eye Openers, and it has been reserved for the nineteenth century to witness an utter change in the prevailing sentiment toward women as a class. The old sentiment has been

Pronounced Entirely Obsolete. In the near high noon of woman's opportunity we shall Practically Emancipate Ourselves and Possibly Enfranchise Ourselves. The outlook Presents Excellent Omens. While many of us doubtless are deeply interested in the yellow ribbon movement, yet it must not be imagined that we form a Political Equality Order or that we are banded together for Political Ends Only. If we were, it is certain that we would be pronounced a Perfectly Elegant Outfit for the purpose. But it is not necessary for us to Parade Every Opinion, whatever may be our convictions. In all things the liberality of our Order permits Pretty Elastic Orthodoxy, while it prevents Petty Exclusive Oligarchies from ruling in our midst. Sisters of P. E. O., let us Promise Everlasting Obedience to our rules. Let us Press Ever Onward and Pulverize Every Obstacle and Paralyze Every Opponent. Let us not be content with our Present Existence Only. If we Pass Every Ordeal we may Possess Enchanting Oases of high attainment. We shall Probably Err Often, which will doubtless Provoke Endless Opposition and Perhaps Encur Odium, but let us Patiently Endure Outrage and Persistently Endeavor to Outdo ourselves, assured that we shall thus Praiseworthy Ends Obtain. So may we Perhaps Escape Oblivion, swing the paths of our lives into Practically Endless Orbits, and thus shall our beloved Order be to us a Paradise Ever Open."

THE OTTUMWA CONVENTION.

The third annual convention of the Iowa Grand Chapter met in Ottumwa, June, 1895, Mrs. Spilman presiding. The credentials showed ninety-one delegates present, and every Chapter in the state represented. Mrs. Mame D. White, President of Chapter G, Ottumwa, cordially welcomed the convention to the hospitality of P. E. O. homes, and the entire city. The Iowa Grand Chapter Treasurer, Mrs. Lulu McHenry, responded in a very happy manner, after which Mrs. McClymond, of Knoxville, favored the convention with a vocal solo.

At this convention Brighton, Grundy Center, Manchester, Spencer, Marengo, and Vinton were granted charters.

Mrs. Babb was an honored guest, and was given a seat and voice in the convention by a unanimous standing vote. Miss Sampey, of Newton, rendered an instrumental solo, which pleasantly interrupted the monotony of routine convention work. Memorial hour opened and closed with musical numbers by a double quartette, under the direction of Ella D. Cloutman. Loving me-

morial tributes were read by members of bereaved Chapters, and then placed in the hands of a Memorial Committee. The exemplification of the ritual was conducted by Mrs. Walter Campbell, State Organizer.

Thursday afternoon's session commenced with a musical number by Mrs. Carver, mother of the California Chapters, entitled "A Norwegian Bridal," which was very pleasing. Flowers, marguerites and roses, were sent to the convention by Miss Florence Bryan and Mr. Kemble, florist, both of Oskaloosa.

Chapter V, of East Des Moines, presented the following memorial:

"To the Iowa Grand Chapter of P. E. O., in Convention Assembled:

"Owing to the conditions of the time in which we live, and the alarming number of women who are advancing in years without the luxury of home and children, and who of necessity must look to others than their own for that tenderness and sympathy so essential to them; and those who in youth and middle age have failed to provide for the years when their feeble strength needs most what only money can give, and those who from preference desire to live apart from friends who are nearest and dearest, we believe that the time is now come when steps must be taken toward the founding of an establishment where they who desire may have the privilege of a refined and cultured home. We also believe that as most of the Chapters engage more or less in some benevolent work, there is no worthier object upon which the P. E. O. Sisterhood can concentrate their forces, their energies, and their finances than this, and no brighter crown in which to place our star, as its rays shed the softening influences of Faith, Justice, Purity, Love, and Truth over the declining years of the noble women whose best efforts have been given to soothe the sorrows and brighten the joys of others.

"Therefore, we, the members of Chapter V, of the P. E. O. Sisterhood of the State of Iowa, do memorialize your honorable body to consider the possibility of establishing an institution to be known as the Iowa P. E. O. Home for Aged Women.

"Annie L. D. Wilkins, *President,*
"Flora Wright,
"Ella Goodrell,
"Mrs. H. R. Reynolds,
"Committee."

The President appointed a committee, consisting of Mrs. Alice Babb, of Mt. Pleasant; Miss Elizabeth Dunlap, of Keokuk, and Mrs. Carlisle, of Albia, to investigate this memorial, and to report to the convention.

A committee was also appointed to prepare a cipher to be used by the Iowa Grand Chapter for its secret work.

Arrangements were made whereby the Iowa Grand Chapter would co-operate with other state organizations of women in making September 10th —Woman's Day—at the State Fair a success.

The committee report on the memorial presented by Chapter V, of East Des Moines, was accepted, as follows:

To the Iowa State Grand Chapter, in Convention Assembled:

The committee appointed to investigate the memorial presented by Chapter V, in regard to founding a home for aged women, beg leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, We realize the magnitude of our organization, and the duties obligatory thereto, and—

WHEREAS, No more fitting memorial could be founded to the perpetuity of our fame than a home for the aged women; therefore, we advise that delegates present at this convention be instructed to present this subject to their individual Chapters upon their return home, and that next year an appointed time be given at the convention to hear reports therefrom. We advise this step for several reasons:

First. Too many questions of importance are now pending which require ready and immediate solution.

Second. A year or more of substantial growth for the Order, and of careful consideration of this matter, will only assist, if this great work should be undertaken.

Third. To appoint a committee for investigation would complicate matters, and not voice the sentiment of the Sisterhood in the matter, as this is a subject which can only be settled in convention.

Fourth. Our finances now are not sufficiently large for so great an enterprise, neither do we think the State Sisterhood should be further taxed without their consent. In the meantime we recommend correspondence in the *Record* on this important subject, and that delegates from various Chapters appear next year with decisive reports and suggestions. Feeling that one year is not too long a time for deliberate consideration, we subscribe ourselves,

MRS. ALICE BABB.
MRS. ELIZABETH DUNLAP.
MRS. ZELMA H. CARLISLE.

A vocal solo by Mrs. Reynolds, in her usual pleasing way, was followed by the election of officers and delegates to the Supreme Grand Chapter to convene at Omaha, in October. Mrs. Luella McHenry, of Des Moines, was elected President.

THE WINTERSET CONVENTION.

The fourth annual convention of the Iowa Grand Chapter met at Winterset, June, 1896. Delegates representing every P. E. O. Chapter in the state, in many instances from widely separated localities, had the unique experience of arriving at their destination on the same train, traveling thus together from the general rendezvous—Des Moines. Upon arriving at the station a kaleidoscopic scene presented itself, members of Chapter AG, dressed in white and dainty colors, with equipages to convey the eighty or more visitors to cheery, hospitable homes. Two hours later another turn of the kaleidoscope found all wearers of the star congregated at the beautiful, commodious home of Mrs. Dabney, at a pleasant informal social, the first of a series of events planned and carried out by the Winterset Chapter for its guests.

The next morning (Wednesday), at 9:30 o'clock, in hall assembled, the President, Mrs. Lulu McHenry, called the convention to order, and announced the opening of the session.

The address of welcome, giving the members of the convention a cordial possession of the city of Winterset, was pleasingly delivered by Miss Edith Wainwright, of Chapter AG. The response, in behalf of the convention, by Mrs. Flora C. Herring, Secretary of the Iowa Grand Chapter, was equally complimentary and gracious. Work with closed doors, and the thermometer registering ninety degrees in the shade, consumed the day, and all but consumed the workers. A release came at four o'clock. At that hour, by invitation from the Friday Club, of Winterset, the Grand Chapter officers, delegates, all visiting P. E. O.'s, and the members of Chapter AG attended a reception at the home of Mrs. John Guiher, an honor and kindness much appreciated by all P. E. O.'s.

Thursday morning, the opening solo, by Miss Mabel Wilson, of Des Moines, was charmingly rendered, and Miss Randall, of Chapter S, Mt. Pleasant, gave a realistic recitation, entitled "The First Quarrel."

The report of Chapter V, of East Des Moines, on the memorial presented at the last convention, was read by Miss Goodrell, as follows:

Mrs. President and Members of the Convention:

Chapter V, in presenting the memorial last year, left the question in the hands of the other Chapters of the state for their consideration, but had hoped to have something definite to present to you. As yet nothing has presented itself, except an invitation from the managers of the Old Ladies' Home, in Des Moines, to co-operate with them. The plan was to make this an Iowa P. E. O. Home, under the control of the Iowa Grand Chapter, and we hope that plans may be suggested from the floor of this convention by which this work may be carried on by the P. E. O. Sisterhood. Should no favorable plans present themselves, it is our wish that the matter be held over another year.

LILLIAN AYERS, *President of Chapter V.*

The following communication from Chapter S, of Mt. Pleasant, was read:

To the P. E. O. Convention Assembled:

WHEREAS, The P. E. O. Sisterhood has come to be a recognized power in the intellectual and social world, and—

WHEREAS, The prosperity of the Sisterhood has made it possible to undertake some united public work, thus honoring the few living original charter members, and as the first work of every organization is to commemorate its birthplace, and—

WHEREAS, The liberal offer of Dr. C. L. Stafford is known to you, rendering it possible to establish a definite P. E. O. home; therefore, we, the members of Chapter S, present a plan to the Iowa Grand Chapter, and as it was in the Music Hall the first dear vows were taken, we submit to the convention the plan of erecting a building known as the I. W. U. Conservatory of Music and P. E. O. Memorial Hall. We beg the ladies of the Iowa Grand Chapter to earnestly consider the plan at the present convention.

MARY E. RANDALL, *President of Chapter S.*

Both memorials were favored somewhat, but definite decision was deferred for the present.

Thursday afternoon, memorial hour was observed. Mrs. Bertha Cole, of Chapter AG, Winterset, sang a beautiful solo, and Mrs. Josie T. Smith led in prayer. The Chapters which had met with bereavement in the past year read tributes to the departed sisters. Mrs. B. E. S. Ely rendered a lovely contralto solo. Mrs. Grace Bean read a poem appropriate for the occasion. The ladies quartette closed the hour with an anthem.

The local Presidents were called upon to report on the literary, social, and philanthropic work done by their Chapters during the past year. The time

was limited to two minutes each. The reports were interesting, and showed all Chapters engaged in some profitable work. Mrs. Buttles played a nocturne from Chopin. After a few minutes recess the convention returned to secret work.

Thursday evening occurred a large and brilliant formal reception. Friday was filled with close convention work. At its close a unanimous vote of thanks was given Mrs. McHenry for her efficient services, and regret expressed because of her removal from the state. Mrs. Flora C. Herring was elected President. One hour after adjournment a railroad train filled with merry P. E. O.'s was speeding towards Des Moines.

KNOXVILLE CONVENTION.

Marion county's new court house was the place selected for this meeting. The extremely warm weather of those three days, June 16th, 17th, and 18th, were commented upon, and their discomfort was one cause of the change of time of the Iowa conventions to May. Mrs. Walker, in her rhymed response to the address of welcome, referred to the heat of the preceding convention, also. So, in this convention the time was changed to May, and has so remained. The address of welcome was given by Miss Laura E. Findley, of Knoxville Chapter.

The officers' reports were encouraging. Mrs. Anderson, Corresponding Secretary, reported the total membership as two thousand eight hundred and seventy-two. Mrs. Robinson had inspected all the Chapters but one during the past two years, and organized four new ones in the year just past.

A report was heard from Mrs. Daisy Green, of the Committee on Representation of P. E. O. at the State Fair in Des Moines the previous autumn. Mrs. Alice Spilman had delivered an address there for the Society. The expense of maintaining the headquarters was slight. At this time the Inter-State Fair, to be held at Omaha, was first brought to the attention of the Iowa P. E. O.'s as a place desirable to be represented. The talk was by Mrs. Jennie Moore, of Ottumwa.

Mrs. Alice Bellamy, a member of Chapter M, Knoxville, having a baby daughter, Mrs. Briggs suggested that the convention send her the name Marguerite, which was done, and the child was so named.

The Wednesday evening musical by Chapter M was a fine entertainment. The last number was a song written by Miss Carrie Van Gilder, of the Chapter. The first verse and chorus were:

What is it makes our town so gay with yellow and with white,
And ladies fair on every hand we meet?
How is it that the ladies throng the court house corridors,
And a lady fills the august judge's seat?
For three days now we've stood it—we've given them the streets.
There seems to be some mystery abroad—
In every home and business house, and even upon the street,
There are words they never seem to speak aloud.

CHORUS.

For they say when we ask what it's all about—and it's P. E. O.
When we ask what these mystical words mean—and it's P. E. O.
We have guessed at their meaning—they all fell to dreaming.
They guard that choice secret well;
For woman, it seems, can a secret keep—and it's P. E. O.

Delegates to the Supreme Grand Chapter were here elected for the first time by the system of making each a nominee, then crossing off six names each time on the ballot until enough were elected.

An invitation from Osceola for the convention of 1898, which was first given at Winterset, was repeated, and accepted.

Mrs. Walter Campbell, being elected President, assumed the chair, and the convention closed.

THE OSCEOLA CONVENTION.

Two of the annual conventions of the Iowa Grand Chapter were presided over by Mrs. Walter Campbell, whose life sketch is given in connection with her work as Supreme President. One was when on May 11th, 12th, and 13th, 1898, Osceola entertained the state convention of P. E. O. All of the Iowa officers were present, and Mrs. Herring, Mrs. Hunter, and Mrs. Robinson of the Supreme Grand Chapter.

Miss Osmond, of Osceola Chapter, and editor of the *P. E. O. Record*, gave the address of welcome in a pleasing manner, which was happily responded to by Mrs. Maud C. Anderson, Corresponding Secretary of the Supreme Grand Chapter.

The President's report recommended a by-law, which was adopted, furnishing six paper-bound copies of the constitution to each Chapter, so each officer as well as the President would have one. Also one requiring the Grand

Chapter to pay the expense of one delegate to the convention from each Chapter organized between March 1st and the time the convention met. Charters were given to Waverly, Independence, Spirit Lake, Afton, De Witt, Monroe, Sac City, Audubon, Emmetsburg, and Rock Valley, of which Mrs. Couch, State Organizer, organized three before failing health had compelled her resignation.

The Treasurer, Mrs. Ida Matthews, reported $2,595.13 in the treasury.

The convention in Knoxville had named a little daughter of Mrs. Bellamy's Marguerite, and its picture was shown and formally presented to Mrs. Campbell. One of the members of the entertaining Chapter, Mrs. Sara Sanford, was the mother of a daughter two weeks old, whom the convention was requested to name. After considerable discussion it was named Marguerite Dewey, and was later brought in for a few moments, the convention singing "God be With You 'Till we Meet Again" as it left.

Each Chapter was instructed to vote "yes" or "no," and send its vote by the President next year to the convention, on the question whether the Sisterhood should build a memorial hall at Mt. Pleasant.

A picture of the convention members was taken in front of the court house, in which the convention met.

One other by-law was made, providing that each entertaining Chapter should receive $100 from the state treasury, and one on the recommendation in Mrs. Matthews' report, that each Chapter shall pay dues for all active members reported.

Miss Lucetta Schenck, of Ottumwa, chairman of the Bureau of Literary Exchange, which had been instituted at the last convention, gave a report, showing that it had not been used, and it was decided to discontinue the bureau.

It was arranged that the President of the Iowa Grand Chapter should represent the state on P. E. O. day at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition.

A convention song, by Mrs. Ida Scott Taylor-McKinney, of the De Witt Chapter, was sung at the convention. It is this—tune, Auld Lang Syne:

In bonds of love we meet again,
And gather near and far,
In honor of our Sisterhood,
That wears the golden star.

Then hail the royal star we love,
To all our hearts so dear!
O may its lustre brighter grow
With every passing year.

In vernal spring, when earth is new,
Let every soul awake
To stronger truth and loyalty
And bloom for love's sweet sake.

Sweet star of hope, that guards the heart,
O lead us all our days,
And help us make our lives a song
Of everlasting praise!

O star of faith and purity,
Of justice, truth, and love,
O may we follow where you lead,
To nobler heights above.

Now, God be with you one and all,
And as from each we part,
O may the star of heaven shine
In every sister's heart.

THE CEDAR FALLS CONVENTION.

The P. E. O.'s of Iowa met at Cedar Falls in state convention, May 10th, 11th, and 12th, 1899, in the First M. E. Church. All the officers were present, and Mrs. Julia Robinson, Organizer, and Mrs. A. R. Dewey and Mrs. Alice Spilman, Past Presidents of the Supreme Grand Chapter. Delegates attended from four new Chapters organized that year—Grinnell, Ackley, Lake City, and Indianola. Aside from the officers, one hundred and fourteen delegates were enrolled and sixty-six Chapters represented. Cordial welcome was given in an address by Mrs. Katherine Boehmler, of Cedar Falls Chapter, gracefully responded to by Mrs. May Snider, of Mt. Pleasant, Vice-President of the Supreme Grand Chapter.

At this convention the exemplification of the ritual in initiation, employing the large satin star, was first shown, and enthusiastically received. Mrs. Campbell recommended its adoption, and the vote to adopt prevailed, with the provision that the Grand Chapter was to furnish from state funds one star to each Chapter.

It was decided to change the usage of memorial hour, by no longer asking Chapters for individual tributes to their dead. The programme was given in charge of the entertaining Chapter and the Grand Chapter President.

Mrs. W. T. Johnston, of Des Moines, spoke of an effort being made by State Librarian Johnson Brigham to organize a lobbying committee for a law appointing a state library commission of five persons. She explained the traveling library movement and the influence of ladies on legislation favoring this. She moved the appointment of three P. E. O.'s to assist the lobbying committee. In this way the Society became part of an important state movement. After considerable discussion her motion prevailed, and Mrs. Johnston was appointed chairman, with power to choose the other two members. She appointed Mrs. Walter Campbell, of Oskaloosa, and Mrs. Ida T. McKinney, of De Witt.

A trolley-car ride being tendered by the gentlemen, the convention adjourned rather early Wednesday evening; they visited the Normal School, also other points of interest on the car line, a recreation greatly enjoyed. The visit to the State Normal School, on invitation of President Seerley, including a cadet drill, was the means of acquainting the Sisterhood with a fine state institution, and was part of the entertainment by the Cedar Falls Chapter, all of which was superior.

Miss Lucetta Schenck brought up a subject which finally caused quite a discussion and a change in by-laws. By this the article requiring a Chapter to pay dues for all active members was amended so that if members do not pay their dues during the year, the amount shall be refunded by the Grand Chapter to the Chapter at the end of the year.

Mrs. May B. Snider was elected President, and the invitation of the Oskaloosa Chapter to hold the next convention there was accepted.

MRS. MAY BROOKS-SNIDER, BY MRS. LOLA GALER.

Many women have filled the office of President of the Iowa Grand Chapter, but none more worthily than Mrs. May Brooks-Snider, of Chapter A, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa. Mrs. Snider was born in Keosauqua, Iowa. When a small girl her parents moved to Mt. Pleasant. Here she was educated in the public schools, and in the Iowa Wesleyan University. In October, 1877, she married a young business man of Mt. Pleasant, Mr. Howard Snider. Two children came to brighten their home, and are now just blossoming into young womanhood, bright, winsome girls, and both earnest, happy P. E. O.'s.

Mrs. Snider has been a P. E. O. since 1875. She has held all the local offices in the mother Chapter, and has always been a loyal, helpful member. She possesses in a marked degree those characteristics of heart and mind that

make the true woman; while her charming personality renders her presence a happy addition wherever she goes, be it to social functions, to club meetings, or to the invalid's bedside. She presides with dignity over a beautiful home,

Mrs. May Brooks-Snider.

where friends and neighbors are always welcome, and where the lonely and the needy are given sympathy and aid.

"Kind words she ever has for all,
She knows no base design."

In church affiliations she is a Methodist, steadfast and true.

She was chosen President of the Iowa Grand Chapter in 1899, at the convention held in Cedar Falls. At the close of one year's administration she

kindly but firmly refused to accept the unanimous vote that re-seated her for another year. So while her reign was brief it was a most satisfactory one, marked by a careful study of P. E. O. interests and the most unbiased judgment of official matters. During this administration no radical changes were made, neither were there many new features introduced. It was a year of steady growth and united effort for the best interests of P. E. O.

Mrs. Snider is a woman of pronounced views, and has the courage of her convictions. She had the wisdom to foresee the necessity of lessening convention expenses, and in her report, read at the Oskaloosa convention, over which she presided, in May, 1900, she said: "As I look forward to future meetings of our Grand Chapter and realize that it will soon be too large for most of our Chapters to entertain, I feel like suggesting that some reform is necessary; some curtailment of expenses desirable, that the entertaining Chapter need not be burdened." The action of the convention following, in 1901, was in line with this suggestion. At this convention Mrs. Grace Bean, delegate from Winterset, presented, warmly seconded by Mrs. Annie D. Wilkins, of Chapter V, Des Moines, a new plan of electing the delegates to Supreme Conventions, which was the joint product of their Chapters. Up to this time the plan was as follows: A printed ballot was handed each member of the convention, containing the name of every member of the convention, who was thereby considered a nominee for delegate. On each ballot six names were to be voted for by drawing a line through them. On canvassing these ballots the six names having a majority were declared elected, and balloting for six more proceeded in the same manner until as many as needed were elected, except that on the last ballot there were only voted for as many as needed, if less than six.

By this method the newer Chapters, as well as some others, felt they were not well represented, and the determination for a change was soon found to be very strong. It was accordingly made, and the following plan adopted, which has since been used: The Chapters of the state are divided in groups of three each, beginning with A, B, C. Representation is by rotation in each group, the first named Chapter furnishing the delegate to the first Supreme Convention after the adoption of the plan, the second the next, and so on.

Greetings were read from Mrs. Alice Babb, Mrs. Franc Roads-Elliott, and Mrs. Suella Pearson-Penfield, of the original seven, while the presence of the other surviving member, Mrs. Mary Allen-Stafford, was felt to be a great pleasure.

Reports from the officers showed that the new stars for the initiation ceremony had been received and used with much satisfaction. The new Chapters of this administration were Stuart, Corydon, Ft. Madison, Davenport, and Pella.

Professor Barnhouse, of Oskaloosa, here presented his beautiful P. E. O. march, dedicated to the Iowa Grand Chapter. He gave each member a copy, also. It has since been extensively used at conventions. An unusual social event occurred in this convention, being the reception tendered on one evening by the ladies of the Order of the Eastern Star, in Masonic Hall parlors. It was a grand affair. The whole convention was one of the most social ones P. E. O. has known, the entertaining Chapter being lavish in providing all good cheer.

The messages from two of the original seven P. E. O.'s, as mentioned, are here given. Mrs. Suella Penfield's message read:

"I regret exceedingly not to be able to greet you in person today, and so to acknowledge the honor you have conferred upon me. But my spirit sends forth its cordial handshake to each and all, falling back on to the one avenue still left, the pen, which in my field (Pen-field) I shall take pleasure in wielding for a brief moment on this your literary anniversary. Although many years have passed since my hand last clasped a sister P. E. O.'s in good-fellowship, my heart has retained the true metal, which rings in progress, advancement, loyalty to the past, the present, and a memory of days when our little band first threw its scintillating rays to the world, then limited to the little village of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, the Athens of the west, and now look back with profound admiration to you who have followed in our plans laid down in that happy yesterday, so long ago, and trust that each succeeding year may find you recording a living monument to be handed down to our daughters throughout all time."

Mrs. Franc Elliott said:

"My Dear—Sisters shall I say? Hardly that, for you of the newer generation seem like children in comparison to one who away back in the sixties was one of the first mystic seven who began the little coterie that has grown so wonderfully with the years since into an important factor in the social organization of the central middle states, and has an influence, ever widening, until the oceans only may limit it. How little we thought in that far away time—those careless, happy days, at the old Iowa Wesleyan—that we were laying the foundation for this beautiful organization. The impulse that

came then, to band ourselves together so that there might be a relation through all time, we can now see, through the distant perspective, was the same impulse that has since budded and blossomed in the myriads of womans' clubs and organizations that have sprung up all over the country. An impulse born of the opportunities which came with college life for women, and the sweet associations of the same life. We hardly recognized the phase then, but we see it now plainly. What a wonderful force these organizations of women are! What a power they are in any community and in the social life of today. Without them there would be social chaos. They are a necessity. I am glad that I have had the opportunity to be identified with them—glad to have been in on the ground floor in the organization of the star of them all, the P. E. O. I credit that early girlhood association as one of the most valued experiences of my life. The interest and love for others that grew in that early club—we didn't call it club though—has been a potent and valued factor in directing my life along channels that have been helpful and delightful. The all-togetherness of purpose in a beautiful thought or work is always uplifting. I am rejoiced, as I take up the Record and glance over its pages, to see that beautiful thoughts and works are characteristic of the Sisterhood always—and that in this uplifting process they are carrying out the unexpressed longings of the seven, who with so little experience builded better than they knew in the sweet old girl days—now so long ago. I would dearly love to be with you in person, as I am in spirit, this May day—would love to gossip with you of the then and now, and grasp the hand of the remnant of the seven, who will be with you, and tell you of the graces of the others, Hattie, Ella, and Alice—they have joined the choir invisible—for the story of these three, who embodied the type of glorious womanhood, would be good for you to hear, and would inspire you to the noblest in your nature. I shall always watch with interest your work—collectively and individually—will rejoice when I know that you aspire to the highest, for after all it is inspiration that counts. 'Tis not what man does which exalts him, but what man would do.' Some beautiful words came to me a few years ago that I want to share with you, for they have been much to me, and I would like them to be a motto of life for you.

" 'I go to prove my soul!
I see my way as birds their trackless way.
I shall arrive! What time, what circuit first,
I ask not, but unless God sends his hail or blinding fireballs, sleet or stifling snow,

In some good time—His good time—I shall arrive.
He guides me and the bird. In his good time.' "

MRS. M. LUE WEBER.

Below is given the story of this Past President's life and of her admiration for P. E. O., and the service for it, mostly in her own language, partly supplemented by others as to the convention, etc.

Mrs. M. Lue Weber.

It was my great privilege to accept the enduring obligations of the P. E. O. Sisterhood on the 6th day of June, 1892, at which time Chapter AF, of Atlantic, Iowa, was organized. Incredible as it now seems, I had never heard of the Sisterhood until the invitation was extended me to become a charter member of the proposed new Chapter. At that time there were but thirty-one Chapters in Iowa, and with one or two exceptions, all were located east of the center of the state. During the initiation ceremony at the instituting of this Chapter the great love and admiration of the grand and ennobling foundation principles of our beloved Sisterhood was so firmly rooted in my heart that today it seems a part of my very life.

At the annual meeting of the Iowa Grand Chapter, in May, 1898, I was elected Organizer, and served in that capacity for two years. It was also the duty of the Organizer to perform the work of inspection, and it was my privilege to visit fifty-two subordinate Chapters. The pleasure of meeting most

of the members of these Chapters, and seeing the true P. E. O. spirit so strongly manifested more than compensated for the hard, unpleasant part of the work, that of traveling in all kinds of weather, making the trains at untimely hours, etc., etc.

At the expiration of the term I was elected President of the Iowa Grand Chapter, at the convention held in Oskaloosa, in May, 1900, and served one year. During my three years of active state work eighteen Chapters were organized, and with few exceptions were in parts of the state where P. E. O. was but little known, and we who worked hard to establish those Chapters were anxious that much good would result therefrom. It is a real pleasure to feel that I was permitted to assist in sowing on new ground the seeds of Faith, Love, Purity, Justice, and Truth that later grew and formed culture beds of true P. E. O. enthusiasm. To some it may seem that with a gain of one hundred and fifty Chapters in thirty-three years P. E. O. progress has not been rapid, but the future contains great possibilities for the Sisterhood, and without doubt much will be accomplished along the different lines of work. Let us Push Ever Onward with zeal and enthusiasm, and one day our Sisterhood of sisters, our star of stars will be known around the world.

At the convention of the Supreme Chapter in Des Moines, in 1901, Mrs. Weber was appointed chairman of the Committee on Revision of the Constitution, and in this capacity it is her work to receive and assist in weighing all alterations proposed by Chapters or individuals.

THE CENTERVILLE CONVENTION.

The convention of the Iowa Grand Chapter met at Centerville, in May, 1901. This Chapter had relieved an unusual difficulty, which gave great uneasiness to the President, as well as the whole Executive Board, by extending the invitation to the Grand Chapter, because no invitation was given by any Chapter at the previous convention in Oskaloosa, and none was received up to December, when Centerville's large and well-equipped Chapter came to the rescue. It was well recognized that the difficulty arose from the timidity of Chapters to attempt entertaining so large a body, especially with such lavish generosity as had become customary. Hence it was announced by the President and by the entertaining Chapter that this was to be a plain, business-like meeting. However, the hospitality, and warmth, and helpfulness of the Centerville Chapter's entertainment was never exceeded, although it curtailed every showy or expensive feature, as it had promised to do. The

home of ex-Governor F. M. Drake (who is a great friend of the Society, to which his daughters and daughter-in-law all belong) was opened for the informal reception.

Mrs. Weber's report as President brought to attention the difficulty in securing a place for holding the convention, and it was seen a change must be effected. This was done by adopting a by-law proposed by Mrs. Sadie Price, of Iowa City:

That each local Chapter pay the entire expenses of the second delegate, and the traveling expenses of the President or alternate, the President or alternate to be entertained by the Chapter entertaining the convention.

Delegates to the Supreme Convention were elected for the first time by the new method, the caucuses being held on Wednesday evening. The six delegates from each group of three Chapters decided which of the two from the Chapter having the honor that year should be presented to the convention next day for ratification, the President being in each instance nominated.

Perhaps it will not be out of place to mention that again, as for some years previously it had done, an organization known as the O. E. P., of Moulton, sent merry greeting to this State Convention. It is an organization of men, one hundred strong, in that town, using the new moon as an emblem, and considers itself an adjunct of P. E. O., chiefly in a social sense. It has established a reputation for its fine entertainments, and the reality of its intention of permanence is evidenced by the adoption of an emblem and its procuring a large outfit of plates for use at its banquets, hand-painted with its emblem, the P. E. O. star, and some mirthful nonsense.

The report of the Treasurer, Mrs. Buttles, showed two thousand seven hundred and four members paying dues, amounting to $2,028, besides fifty reinstatements.

The Corresponding Secretary's report showed that Iowa Chapters since their organization had received three thousand eight hundred and eighty-one members, of whom one hundred and sixty-eight had died and thirteen been expelled.

Mrs. Boehmler reported the inspection of twenty-one Chapters and the organization of nine new ones—Humboldt, Algona, Maquoketa, Guthrie Center, Elkader, Greenfield, Ida Grove, Greene, and Le Mars.

MRS. WALTER IRISH, IOWA GRAND CHAPTER PRESIDENT 1901-1902.

Mary Duffield was born in Keosauqua, Iowa, and spent her girlhood there. In 1883 she moved to Jerseyville, Illinois, and in 1886 was married

to Walter Irish, of Burlington, Iowa. In 1887 they moved to Des Moines. Mrs. Irish's home in Des Moines has been a place for holding many social events for P. E. O., as when during the meeting of the legislature visiting P. E. O.'s and the wives of legislators are received, etc.

Mrs. Walter Irish.

Always bright, cheerful, and sisterly, Mrs. Irish has a high place among Iowa P. E. O.'s for these qualities as well as for the complete success she has made of her work in the offices she has held. In January, 1890, Mrs. Irish

became a member of Chapter Q, Des Moines, and has served as Guard, Chaplain, Corresponding Secretary, Vice-President, and President of that Chapter. She has been in attendance at all Iowa and Supreme Conventions since 1891, except Waterloo, Knoxville, Newton, and Chicago. At Osceola, in 1898, she was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Iowa Grand Chapter, and was twice re-elected, at Cedar Falls in 1899, and Oskaloosa in 1900. The honor of the Presidency was conferred upon her at Centerville, in May, 1901. For the four years P. E. O. interests occupied a most prominent place in all she thought and did. Her work as Corresponding Secretary was particularly valuable in securing all the rapidly increasing list for the *P. E. O. Record* as soon as reported, and her assistance to the Supreme Corresponding Secretary in the same line. When elected eighty Chapters were under her jurisdiction, with two thousand seven hundred and four active members. The number increased during her term to eighty-eight Chapters, with two thousand nine hundred and sixty-two members. The new Chapters were Sibley, State Center, Eldon, Villisca, Cincinnati, Valley Junction, and Mt. Ayr, organized by Mrs. Michener, State Organizer, and Oelwein by Mrs. Irish herself.

An invitation to hold the convention at Ames, received soon after her election, by Mrs. Irish was accepted, and the convention met May 6th, 7th, 8th, and 9th in the First Congregational church of that city. This being the first convention after the adoption of the rule that each Chapter must pay the expense of entertaining a delegate, if more than one is sent, some interest was felt in the arrangement, but all that went on well, the Ames Chapter having a clerk, who received from each Chapter the sum for which it had decided the delegate should be entertained, and it was found representation was not decreased, nor were the delegates of a Chapter separated, as had been feared might happen in consequence of the new plan.

A visit to the State College, and an entertainment there were the leading social events. It is here that a P. E. O. has been highly honored. Mrs. Margaret Stanton, wife of Professor Stanton, of the College, was Preceptress and professor of French, and for many years exercised an intimate and influential connection with the life of the college girls. She died, and the state, in 1895, built Margaret Hall, named for her, costing $60,000. Her husband gave the college a chime of bells as a memorial of her, which are placed in a campanile one hundred and ten feet high, and ring each quarter hour, one note at a quarter past, two at half past, three at three-quarters, and at the hour strike the Westminster chime of sixteen notes, immediately before strik-

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ing the hour. The chimes include ten bells, cast in Loughborough, England. The largest is four feet nine inches in diameter, and weighs three thousand five hundred and eighty-four pounds; the smallest is two feet two and one-half inches in diameter, weighing four hundred and sixty-three pounds. They are played from a key-board below, producing tunes as desired. The hall is the women's dormitory, containing rooms for one hundred students and a gymnasium, reception parlors, society halls, private rooms, and offices, a dining-hall accommodating four hundred and fifty persons, and a department of domestic science. It will be seen that the naming of this hall for Mrs. Stanton, and the campanile with its chimes makes a fine memorial for a P. E. O., and it was with much pleasure that the delegates visited the spot.

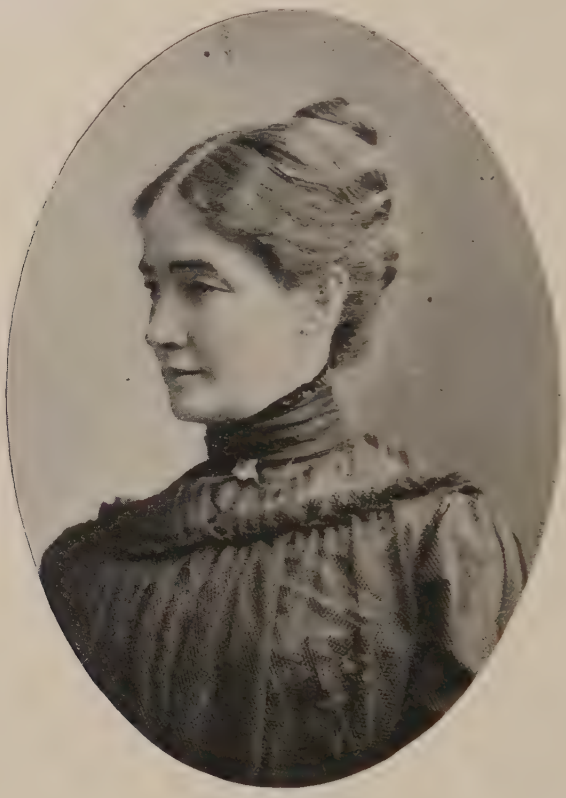
Iowa adopted at this convention the plan of having the Treasurer's bond secured by an insurance company instead of individuals.

MRS. MARY M'DONALD-KNAPP.

Mrs. Mary McDonald-Knapp was born at New Concord, Ohio, and at the age of three years removed with her parents to Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, where, on a farm near three miles east of that city, she spent the greater part of her childhood. Of strong Scotch and English descent, she inherited a love for books and a desire for an education beyond that which could be obtained in the public schools. Like many of our Iowa boys and girls, she had to depend largely upon her own efforts to secure the means for carrying out her cherished plans, and with her, as with others in those days, teaching district school was the principal source of the needed revenue. Mrs. Knapp was for a time a student at the Mt. Pleasant Female Seminary, an institution very dear to the hearts of the older P. E. O.'s. She thus learned at the fountain-head something of the spirit of inspiration and devotion which has always characterized the Society. As a child she remembers the hot controversies between the P. E. O.'s and the I. C.'s, her sisters being among those who, forbidden by the beloved principal to wear their badges openly because of the high feeling that existed between the two societies, yet took comfort in the knowledge that the beloved pin might still be worn though out of sight.

Mrs. Knapp graduated from the Iowa State College in 1883. She was shortly afterward elected Librarian of the institution, serving in that capacity until 1885, when she was married to Professor Herman Knapp, the present Treasurer of the College. She became a member of Chapter AA, of P. E. O., in 1893. Family cares and the death of a beloved sister prevented very active

service for the Society until 1898. Since that time she has not missed a state convention, having served two years as President of her Chapter and been



Mrs. Mary McDonald-Knapp.

three years a member of the State Executive Board. Her services as a faithful, efficient worker in advancing the interests of the Society are well known. She is now serving as Iowa's Grand Chapter President. Mrs. Knapp is a sister of Mrs. Margaret Stanton, for whom the Margaret Hall is named at Ames and the campanile erected.

The History of Missouri P. E. O.'s from October, 1894, to October, 1896.

BY MRS. R. D. CRAMER.

The writing and compiling of the history of any society suggests to the mind of any one whose acts and conduct are a part of that history timidity and hesitancy—timidity for fear of incompetency; hesitancy as to who shall be its future critics.

It was in the month of July, 1894, that a few women in the beautiful county seat of Unionville, Putnam county, Missouri, impressed with a duty that had grown pre-eminent by time, and under the pledge of a promise to execute the laws of the constitution as laid down by the Supreme Grand Chapter of P. E. O., knew the time had fully arrived for the execution of their pledge.

Chapter A, P. E. O., of Missouri, was organized in 1886, and being the only Chapter in Missouri at the time very little thought was given to what the duties of eight years hence might be. The members, young in years, did not realize the magnitude of the law of love, and how, like leaven, it would develop as it had done into seven Chapters, but being under a law like unto the old Mosaic law of "thou shalt," there was no evading the organization of a State Grand Chapter of P. E. O. in Missouri. Consequently, on the night of July 20th, 1894, in the home of Mrs. C. Carroll, with Mrs. Nora Mairs as President, and Miss Eva Horne, Recording Secretary, a petition was prepared by Miss Daisy Turner, and approved by Chapter A, for circulation in the seven Chapters of Missouri, and when signed to be presented to the Supreme Grand Chapter, asking the organization of a State Grand Chapter of P. E. O. in Missouri, as a pledge of loyalty bending to the requirements of the Supreme Grand Chapter. The names of the petitioners which recorded Missouri P. E. O.'s and granted them a dispensation to be replaced by a charter of a State Grand Chapter are as follows:

Unionville, Chapter A—Miss Daisy Turner Riggs, Mrs. A. R. Wentworth, and Miss Nina Shearer.

Cameron, Chapter B—Miss May Piersol and Mrs. J. H. Goff.

Memphis, Chapter C—Mrs. R. D. Cramer, Mrs. J. M. Jayne, and Mrs. J. E. Mount.

Lancaster, Chapter E—Mrs. F. P. Hays, Mrs. M. W. Barnes, and Mrs. E. Higby.

Kansas City, Chapter F—Mrs. Mary D. Lawrence (attorney), Miss Nell P. Stockton, and Mrs. Winifred J. Perry.

Queen City, Chapter G—Mrs. Eva M. Dysart, Mrs. Jessie Sweeting, and Mrs. Carrie Miller.

Monroe City, Chapter H—Mrs. Linette Bixler, Mrs. Emma Brown, Mrs. J. W. Cassidy, and Mrs. Blanche George.

These petitioners' names went into the hands of Mrs. Alice Carey Briggs, of Superior, Nebraska, Supreme Grand Chapter President, and the proper authority for granting dispensations.

Eleven delegates were present at the Christian Church, in Unionville, Missouri, on the morning of October 3d, 1894, to organize a State Grand Chapter. Mrs. Alice Briggs, the Supreme Grand Chapter President, with gavel in hand, made the welkin ring. Miss Daisy Turner Riggs, Corresponding Secretary of the Supreme Grand Chapter, and member of Chapter A, at once proceeded to read the authority for the assembling, in the form of a dispensation. Then followed a resolution presented by Mrs. R. D. Cramer, of Chapter C: "That we now proceed to organize ourselves into a State Grand Chapter to be known as the Missouri Grand Chapter of P. E. O." This was adopted unanimously, and Mrs. Alice Briggs with one sounding tap of the gavel declared the first convention of Missouri P. E. O.'s formally opened for business. Mrs. Mairs, with a golden key in hand, presented to this handful of women a welcome to the homes and hearts of Chapter A, and the city was to have no boundary lines during the convention. Mrs. Cramer responded on behalf of one hundred and fifty-eight P. E. O.'s of Missouri that made up the whole of the Missouri Grand Chapter, and from which came the eleven delegates there represented.

Mrs. Briggs appointed committees on all classes and kind of duties relevant to convention work, and these committees formulated from odds and ends of the experiences of delegates enough reliable facts from which very creditable reports were made. There being no money, the convention needed no Finance Committee, and yet here were the expenses, something like $30, besides every delegate had come there from the outlay of her own silver and gold, and every P. E. O. in Missouri had paid Supreme Grand Chapter dues

until March, 1895. The delegates passed a resolution to tax each member in the state 25 cents for the benefit of the expense fund. This was cheerfully paid by each Chapter. This assessment brought into the treasury $39.50.

There being no provision in the constitution at this time for help in organizing State Grand Chapters, the Supreme Grand Chapter allowed Missouri Grand Chapter two-thirds of the expenses of organization, also the charges for dispensation for State Grand Chapter was unprovided for by the constitution, but it was decided by the Supreme President that the law concerning local Chapters should also control State Grand dispensation, therefore, $3.00 was paid for dispensation. This left a small portion in the treasury. The printers furnished us with stationery on credit until March, 1895, when state dues were paid, making the Executive Board feel more secure in devising plans for future advancement. Our Supreme Grand Chapter dues were $92.95 the first year; we also purchased a seal, paid all bills, and had in the treasury $107.95 at the next convention.

During the interval between conventions, Mrs. R. D. Cramer, the President, conceived an idea of providing the State Grand Chapter with a gavel, and in order that it might not only serve a useful purpose, but be also a historic memento, seven pieces of wood of native growth were collected, one from each of the seven Chapters constituting the Missouri Grand Chapter, and Mrs. F. P. Hays, of Chapter E, had the gavel made of the woods cemented together, thus in keeping with and typical of our National motto: *"By the Union of Many in One."* This gavel has, by its rap in the hand of some official, called each Missouri convention, save the first, from recreation to labor.

SECOND MISSOURI GRAND CHAPTER CONVENTION.

The second convention met at Cameron, Missouri. This being greatly south of many of the Chapter homes, the state officers' expenses could only be half paid after convention expenses were covered. The situation had gradually grown better; there were certain fundamental rules and essential obligations that had been observed, or the advancement which crowned the Missouri Grand Chapter could not have been made. During the year the Corresponding Secretary, Miss Nell Stockton, of Chapter F, Kansas City, had resigned her position to become mistress of her own home; by consent of the Executive Board, Miss Olga Campbell, of Chapter F, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The second convention of the Missouri Grand Chapter had much business in hand that, like Banquo's ghost, would not down, until the wee hours of the

night drove the delegates to rest. At this convention it was decided to have the by-laws of the State Grand Chapter printed, and though Missouri was the last organized State Grand Chapter, it was the first to print its by-laws. So earnestly and efficiently had the officers of the past year labored, that without a dissenting voice, all that were present at the convention were re-elected. First Vice-President Mrs. Hays, being in ill-health, could not be present; also Mrs. Olga Campbell, Recording Secretary, was absent.

During the year, being well equipped in the necessary paraphernalia, and better experienced, the efforts toward organizing began to be very encouraging, and on February 3d and 24th, 1896, petitions were filed with the President for the organization of two Chapters. Mrs. Linette Bixler, of Chapter H, Monroe City, organized the two—Trenton on March 5th, and Milan, March 6th, 1896. In the meantime a petition was presented from Hopkins for the organization of a Chapter at that place. In the dim past there had been a Chapter called Hopkins D, and three of the old members, realizing the truths taught, and what they had given up, determined again, with new added membership, to enlist themselves in the P. E. O. work. The passage of time had brought them experience; there is no practical dealing in life between one another like persistent frankness, and they stated their whole position without reservation, paid their past State and Supreme dues, and presented their petition, and were organized anew.

Thus at the convention of 1896, which met at Memphis, Missouri, there were three additional Chapters, and by united effort the Grand Chapter was in possession of a plate for charter headings, and had printed by-laws, responded to the demands of the *Record* at 25 cents a member for the year, and in the treasury was deposited $121.38.

An informal reception was given for one hour to the P. E. O.'s Memphis friends anxious to see the inside of the room where the secret work was done, and view, as expressed by the resolution committee, the marvelous and almost bewildering profusion of white and gold draperies and decorations. An enthusiastic convention was the result. The routine of business was that usual to any convention, with the additional venture of authorizing the minutes printed; provided, that after inspection by the Executive Board, they were declared to contain nothing secret.

History is a record of what has been done; we cannot delineate the unspoken thoughts and heart-beats, but this history has proven no little part of our Divine education and revelation, and we give praise to the power that

made it possible for us to make a history. As the years pass by new methods, new plans, will present themselves, "for the thoughts of men are widened with the process of the sun," no doubt more pleasing and less sacrificing; then will we forget the hours of watchful expectancy which we had along the frontier lines.

LIFE OF MRS. R. D. CRAMER, BY C. F. SANDERS.

"Circles are prais'd not that abound
In largeness, but th' exactly round;
So life we praise that does excel
Not in much time, but acting well."

On the banks of the placid Miami stands the beautiful city of Piqua, Ohio; in this city Sarah M. Gray was born, here she spent her childhood, here her school-life was passed, and here she married. In her march from infancy to womanhood the "even tenor of her way" was not marred by any event that was calculated to make her environments aught but pleasant and happy. Blessed with a noble father and a sainted and intellectual mother, who with zealous care guided her youthful footseps along the plane of right and duty, daily receiving precept and example in the right direction, mingling with loving sisters and devoted brothers, she was surrounded with sunshine, with but few dark days and clouds to cast their shadows over her young life. Her paternal grandfather, Daniel Gray, was a revolutionary soldier, and was with Washington at Valley Forge. The genealogical tree of the family shows her a near relative of the gifted Alice and Phœbe Carey.

Piqua being a refined and cultured city, her schools were of the highest order; the high school was considered one of the best in the state. From this institution she received her education, and taught one year at Piqua, after which she occupied a position in the schools of Noblesville, Indiana, as teacher, up to the time of her marriage, in 1867, to R. D. Cramer, late Major of the Thirtieth Iowa Infantry Volunteers, and moved to Memphis, Missouri, where she has since lived. Early in life she united with the First Baptist Church of Piqua, but after her marriage joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which her husband had long been a member. For a number of years she served as District Secretary of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of Kirksville District, Missouri Conference, afterward Recording Secretary for that district. She is a Daughter of the American Revolution, and a member of the Eastern Star, and Rebekah lodges, and bears the distinction of being the

first initiated member of Chapter C, P. E. O., which was organized in Memphis, in 1891. She has served three terms as President of the Chapter, one

Mrs. R. D. Cramer.

term as Recording Secretary, and one as Treasurer. When the Grand Chapter of Missouri was organized she was elected President, and continued in that office two years. She served two terms as Second Vice-President of the Supreme Grand Chapter, and one term as First Vice-President.

Mrs. Cramer has a mind that is concentrative and direct, rather than speculative; she gives faithful attention to details, and values means by their

results; to know anything is with her to know it thoroughly; her course in life has been based on fundamental principles, which to her represents the substance of truth; she is not oblivious to criticism, but lives above it, and so long as she has the approval of her reason and conscience it never enters her mind to regard it in the slightest. She has never been too busy or engrossed to serve her friends when called upon, and she would not hesitate at any time to step into the breach for them if their necessities demanded it; but she is justice personified to friend or foe when a shadow of impure motive rest upon them.

ADMINISTRATION OF MRS. EVA M. DYSART, 1896-1897.

BY HERSELF.

Chapters, 10. General membership, 210.

With the exception of Chapters I and J, which ceased to exist on account of unfavorable local conditions, this era was attended with a marked prosperity among all the Chapters. The fine "year books" from each one betokened extremely bright, entertaining, and useful programs, while each report indicated a steady growth, a harmony of united effort, and a doing of much charitable and philanthropical work. The closing Grand Chapter Convention, at Lancaster, was an interesting and successful one, from both a business and a social standpoint.

MRS. EVA M. PERIN-DYSART, BY OLIVE B. JONES.

Eva M. Perin was born in Queen City, Missouri, and was married to Birney Dysart September 10th, 1891. When her school days in her home town were over she attended the State Normal, at Kirksville, dividing her time there between her literary course and music—her favorite pursuit. She continued that chosen study in Denver the year before her marriage. In 1894 she became a P. E. O., being a charter member of the fine little Chapter G, at Queen City. There, as she facetiously remarked, she "did most of the turns in the 'grand right and left,' from Chief Guard Outside to Chief Guard Inside, and from delighting in many Praiseworthy Every One spreads of Chapter G to absorbing its representative's share of some 'Bradley Martin' menus at conventions."

She was present at the organization of the Missouri Grand Chapter, and (as a member of its first Executive Board) contributed one of the typical seven varieties of wood of which its first gavel was made. For two successive

years she was Treasurer of the State Grand Chapter. Under date of 1895 she has a Missouri Grand Chapter delegates' credential to the Supreme Convention, which was unavoidably left unused.

Mrs. Eva M. Perin Dysart.

At Memphis, in 1896, Mrs. Dysart was chosen State President, and most capably did she meet all executive requirements during her "reign of law." To a friend who wrote congratulations when she passed from the Treasurer's desk to the President's chair, she replied: "I never found the least difficulty in manipulating those heavy bags of silver and gold the P. E. O.'s always have in reserve to prosecute their good designs, but I must admit this subsequent wielding of mighty affairs of state rests less lightly upon me, and 'uneasy lies the head that wears the crown' this time."

In 1898 she went to Omaha as standard-bearer for her state on P. E. O. Day at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition. Here she read a logical and beautiful discourse in P. E. O. behalf.

Early in 1899 her residence was changed to St. Louis, where "stretch of miles and change of scene" severed her active relation to the P. E. O. Society for a time, but in nowise lessened her interest in that worthy Order. In 1900, when Chapter O was organized in St. Louis, she was one of its charter members.

Once upon a time "one of the uninitiated" looked about him and perceived some women with all energies hopelessly absorbed in society work, whereupon he reflected bitterly: "Club is a jealous god, and demands the whole woman." Eva Perin Dysart is one of the delightful contradictions to this sweeping assertion. Enthusiastic and useful in her club work she always is, yet those who know her best tell that she brings an ever-ready sympathy and a never-lacking attention to the "joys and cares that cluster round the hearth." In a happy home, where she is laurelled by a noble husband's love and blessed in the possession of a fine, stalwart boy and two wee, winsome lassies, whom,

with Cornelia-like pride, she calls her trio of jewels, she is a type of American queen such as the world delights to honor. A woman of rare spirit, intelligence, and talent, she adds lustre to the list of officers that grace P. E. O. records. When asked her impressions of the P. E. O. outlook, Mrs. Dysart responded: "As pre-eminent as the Order already is, I think it but standing at the threshold of its opened door of boundless usefulness, and predict 'a long pull, a strong pull, and a pull all together' will cause expansion untold to bear far its flag of the white and the gold."

ADMINISTRATION OF MRS. MARY BARNES, 1897-1898.

BY HERSELF.

Total active membership, two hundred and thirty-four.

The fourth annual meeting was held at Lancaster, Missouri. This era in the history of P. E. O. in Missouri was a peaceful and harmonious one. Reports from all Chapters were encouraging as to increase of membership and interest in P. E. O. work, each one giving special attention to literary and philanthropic work, as well as social. Late in the year one new Chapter was added to our number—Maryville. Our state was well represented at the P. E. O. Congress held in October at Omaha. The year closed with the fifth annual meeting, which was held at Monroe City, September 28th-29th, 1898.

MRS. MARY WILDER-BARNES, BY MRS. HELEN LEYHE.

Mrs. Mary Wilder-Barnes is an earnest worker in the P. E. O. Society, having acceptably filled different offices ever since the organization of Chapter E, of which she was a charter member. She was born in Syracuse, New York, in 1842. When about two years old her parents moved to Rochester, New York, and this beautiful city continued to be her home until after the close of the civil war. Receiving her education in the public schools of that place, she is a graduate of the Rochester High School. In February, 1861, she was married to W. B. Barnes, who at the beginning of the war went out as an officer in a New York regiment. During those weary years Mrs. Barnes spent much of her time in the south to be near her husband, and part of the time was in camp with him. In 1868 they moved to St. Joseph, Michigan, where, after an illness of three years, the Death Angel released her husband from his suffering and left the wife and only child, a boy of ten years, to mourn his loss. In 1875 Mrs. Barnes and her son came to Missouri, where she has since lived, being all the time actively engaged in merchandise. In early

life she became a member of the Episcopal church, but there being no church of that denomination in Lancaster, she has always been a faithful worker of the Methodist Church of that place. She possesses an attractive appearance, combined with a charming personality, and is trusted and admired by a host of acquaintances and loved by a circle of warm and devoted friends. Endowed by nature with many talents, progressive in all her views, zealous in all causes of reform, and literary in her tastes, she is a valuable acquisition to society, and is recognized as one of the brighter lights that gleameth afar.

Mrs. Mary W. Barnes.

The Fifth Annual Convention of the P. E. O. Sisterhood convened in Monroe City, September 28th and 29th, 1898, as guests of Chapter H, Supreme President Mrs. Herring and all officers present except the Organizer, Mrs. Miller. The meetings were held in the I. O. O. F. hall, which was kindly tendered for this purpose. An informal reception on Tuesday evening served to introduce the guests; a drive in the afternoon was so planned that it led past each P. E. O. home; these homes were easily discerned by the colors displayed. Chapter H gave a formal banquet on Wednesday evening, to which many guests were bidden, and where food had been prepared for the intellectual as well as the physical man, in the form of toasts. Mrs. Herring presided as toast-mistress. The responses were highly interesting, reflecting much credit upon all who participated in them. The P. E. O. sisters of Chapter H were greatly assisted by their brothers-in-law and other citizens to make

the meeting a pleasant as well as a successful one. Chapter H claims the honor of having the only real P. E. O. baby in Missouri, Pauline Erminie Owen, who was formally introduced to the convention. Chapter F, of Kansas City, sent money to reinstate seven members; they also wrote to the convention a letter full of kindly greeting, pledging their loyalty to the new President; this letter was the first bright ray from absent stars. A charter granted to Maryville increased the number of active Chapters to eight.

Early in the year Mrs. Miller resigned, and Mrs. Faith McKee was appointed to fill the vacancy.

At Hopkins, on August 30th, 1899, the Missouri Grand Chapter again convened; all officers answered to roll call except the Organizer and Corresponding Secretary. Mrs. Herring and Miss Osmond, editor of the *Record,* were both with us during the entire convention. Miss Osmond added much to the pleasure and dignity of the convention. We were most cordially received and hospitably entertained by Chapter K. The usual receptions and decorations were admirably carried out.

ADMINISTRATION OF MRS. DORA HALLOCK, 1899-1900.

BY HERSELF.

The officers were duly installed, after which the convention adjourned, and another year began with redoubled effort put forth to organize new Chapters in Missouri, but only one, M, at Shelbyville, was organized by myself. This year Missouri for the first time sent her full quota of delegates to the Supreme Convention.

The Seventh Annual Convention assembled at Queen City, August 29th and 30th, 1900, representing nine active Chapters; all officers were present except Miss Josephine Barnes. Mrs. Walter Campbell and Miss Osmond were also present.

Chapter G is especially gifted in music; perhaps, after all, there is something in a name. An original poem by Mrs. Dysart was heartily applauded, as well as two songs, written by Mrs. Perin for the convention. We were delightfully entertained at the home of Mrs. Coffey the first evening of our stay in Queen City. At the formal reception the five points of our star, as represented by Faith, Love, Purity, Justice, and Truth, received the especial attention of five brothers-in-law. The decorations at Queen City were both unique and pleasing.

Much gratitude is felt by Missouri to the Supreme Grand Chapter for the generous help given in bearing one-half the expense of organizing new Chapters; also for defraying the expenses of inspecting the Chapters of the state.

MRS. DORA HALLOCK, BY MRS. DELLE RUTLEDGE.

"Some lives are bright, like torches, and their flames
Cast flickering lights around and changeful heats;
Some lives blaze like the meteor which fleets
Across the sky; and some of lofty aim
Stand out like beacon lights."

Thus stands Mrs. Dora Hallock, who was born in Marion county, Missouri, November 26th, 1854, about five miles northeast of Monroe City. What better words describe the inheritance of Mrs. Hallock than those that were often spoken of her father, Major John L. Owen, of a sturdy, intelligent, well-connected stock. No less noble was the heritage on the mother's side. Her father was killed in the late civil war.

Mrs. Dora Hallock.

In 1869 the family moved to Monroe City, where they still reside. Here Mrs. Hallock was graduated from the Monroe City Institute in 1873, and then taught school for three years. In 1876 she was married to Mr. S. H. Hallock, editor of the Monroe City *News*. She was of great assistance to her husband in his journalistic work. After a happy married life of nine years she was left with two children, of whom she may feel justly proud. They inherit some of their mother's tastes in the love of literature. The care and support of these children devolving upon her, she began teaching again. For the past ten years she has taught in the Monroe City public schools, and is a very successful teacher.

Her life, as a great many others, is a mixture of sunshine and shadow. But some of the bright rays have been cast by the P. E. O. star. She was a charter member of Chapter H, organized May 3d, 1894, and was elected Vice-President the first year. She has been President of the Chapter two terms, which office she filled with much credit to herself and the Society. In 1898 she was elected President of the Grand Chapter, and performed her duties so acceptably that the following year she was re-elected to the same office. In 1900 she was made State Organizer, and has most certainly performed her duty, five new Chapters having been organized, with several other organizations in prospect. Her daughter, Mayme, is also a P. E. O., and promises to be as enthusiastic a member as her mother now is.

In speaking of herself, Mrs. Hallock says: "I am not gifted or good looking." But I can certainly say that the gifts that have been bestowed upon her are the highest that are usually bestowed upon any one of the human family, namely: understanding, knowledge, wisdom, and above all, a true heart. As for good looks, there is something that is far more beautiful than a pretty face, and that is beauty of manner, action in life. She always has a pleasant word for every one she meets; be they rich or poor, high or low, she is always the same—bright, good-humored, and cheerful. In sickness there is none so attentive to every wish and desire. She never forgets the fragrant bouquet or the daintily prepared food that a sick person so relishes. Her friendship is true and constant; her home life is one of devotion and love. Such a life is worthy of imitation.

ADMINISTRATION OF MISS NINA SHEARER.

BY HERSELF.

At the convention in Queen City, August, 1900, Miss Nina Shearer was elected President of the Missouri Grand Chapter P. E. O. Miss Shearer is a member of Chapter A, Unionville, and has been an active member ever since the Chapter was organized in 1886, being one of the charter members, and is always interested in anything pertaining to P. E. O., attending all meetings of the local Chapter; serving as Recording Secretary for a number of years, also as President, and holding different offices from time to time. Her Chapter has favored her by sending her to Grand Chapter convention, and when not a delegate she has attended the Missouri Grand Chapter conventions, bearing her own expense. It has been her province to issue more dispensations than

any preceding President of the Missouri Grand Chapter. "The bread cast upon the waters" by Missouri P. E. O. workers returned after many days, and

Miss Nina Shearer.

dispensations were granted to five Chapters up to March 4th, 1901, as follows: Hamilton, St. Louis, Stanberry, Braymer, and Burlington Junction.

ADMINISTRATION OF MRS MARY D. LAWRENCE, 1901-1902.

Number of Chapters at beginning of year	16
Number of Chapters organized during year	4
Number of members in state at beginning of year	250
Number increased during year	107
Amount of money in treasury at beginning of year	$ 52.56
Amount of money in treasury at close of year	124.56
Deaths during year	4

MRS. MARY D. LAWRENCE, BY MRS. W. K. CARRUTHERS.

Mary Dalgarn-Lawrence was born on a farm near Edina, Missouri. She grew up a regular country lassie. Her parents removed to a farm near Winfield, Kansas, when Mary was but a little girl. Here she was educated in the country schools, and afterward the high school and normal institutes. She was always a close student, and at the age of sixteen began her career as a school teacher. She taught near her home until the spring of 1887, at which time her parents went to the western part of the state, and located on a cattle ranch, in Meade county. Here her father died. Her reputation as a teacher in this county soon gave her a place among the best in the state, and as a reward for her good work in the schoolroom, she was elected County Superintendent of Public Instruction in the fall of 1890. Her future husband was chairman of the convention which nominated her, but he had not at that time met her. After her election, she moved with her mother, sister, and two younger brothers to Meade, and entered upon the duties of her office. While serving as Superintendent she also had charge of and was editor-in-chief of the Meade County *Nationalist,* the official paper of the county.

Mrs. Mary D. Lawrence.

In 1891 she was initiated into the mysteries of P. E. O., becoming a member of Chapter A, of Kansas. She soon was elected Recording Secretary,

and next President, which office she was filling, when, on April 14th, 1892, she resigned her office of Superintendent, and was married to Mr. Samuel Lawrence, a lawyer, formerly of Quincy, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence left immediately for their new home in Kansas City, Missouri. In September Mrs. Lawrence was transferred from Chapter A, of Kansas, to Chapter F, of Missouri. Since that time she has been a constant and faithful worker in P. E. O. She has at different times held every office, except that of Treasurer and Vice-President. She represented Chapter F in the Grand Chapter Convention held in Unionville, August 28th and 29th, 1901, at which time she was elected President of the Missouri Grand Chapter. Mrs. Lawrence attended her first Supreme Convention in September, 1901, acting as chairman of her state delegation.

Soon after her marriage, Mrs. Lawrence began the study of law, her husband acting as her preceptor. She was admitted to the Kansas City, Missouri, bar in May, 1895, after a rigid oral examination in open court of a half a day's duration. She was one of two applicants, out of a class of ten, who did not miss a single question. She was the first woman admitted to the practice of law within the state of Missouri. Soon after her admission to the bar, she entered into practice with her husband, under the firm name of Lawrence & Lawrence.

MISSOURI GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS.

1894-1895.

President—Mrs. R. D. Cramer, Memphis.
First Vice-President, Mrs. F. P. Hays, Lancaster.
Second Vice-President—Miss May Piersol, Cameron.
Recording Secretary—Miss Cora I. Goss, Unionville.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Nell Stockton, Kansas City.
Treasurer—Mrs. Eva M. Dysart, Queen City.
Organizer—Mrs. Linnette M. Bixler, Monroe City.

1895-1896.

President—Mrs. R. D. Cramer, Memphis.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Mary W. Barnes, Lancaster.
Second Vice-President—Miss May Piersol, Cameron.
Recording Secretary—Miss Cora I. Goss, Unionville.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Winifred J. Perry, 3308 Flora avenue, Kansas City.

Treasurer—Mrs. Eva M. Dysart, Queen City.

Organizer—Mrs. Linnette M. Bixler, Monroe City.

1896-1897.

President—Mrs. Eva M. Dysart, Queen City.

First Vice-President—Mrs. Mary W. Barnes, Lancaster.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. Belle Gray Stille, Unionville.

Recording Secretary—Miss Lucy Shaw, Unionville.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Winifred J. Perry, 3308 Flora avenue, Kansas City.

Treasurer—Mrs. F. P. Hays, Lancaster.

Organizer—Mrs. Linnette M. Bixler, Monroe City.

1897-1898.

President—Mrs. Mary W. Barnes, Lancaster.

First Vice-President—Mrs. Linnette M. Bixler, Monroe City.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. A. J. Althouse, Cameron.

Recording Secretary—Miss Lucy Shaw, Unionville.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Kittie Deitrick, Hopkins.

Treasurer—Mrs. Linnie C. Mount, Memphis.

Organizer—Mrs. Carrie A. Miller, Queen City.

1898-1899.

President—Mrs. Dora Hallock, Monroe City.

First Vice-President—Mrs. B. George, Memphis.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. Kittie Dietrick, Hopkins.

Recording Secretary—Cora J. Goss, Unionville.

Corresponding Secretary—Olive B. Jones, Queen City.

Treasurer—Mrs. Linnette M. Bixler, Monroe City.

Organizer—Mrs. Carrie A. Miller, Queen City.

1899-1900.

President—Mrs. Dora Hallock, Monroe City.

First Vice-President—Mrs. B. George, Memphis.

Second Vice-President—Mrs. Kittie Dietrick, Hopkins.

Recording Secretary—Cora J. Goss, Unionville.

Corresponding Secretary—Olive B. Jones, Queen City.
Treasurer—Mrs. Linnette M. Bixler, Monroe City.
Organizer—Mrs. Faith Adams-McKee, Memphis.

1900-1901.

President—Miss Nina Shearer, Unionville.
First Vice-President—Mrs. K. E. Dietrick, Hopkins.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Isabel Bunch, Lancaster.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Duck Owen, Monroe City.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Charles F. Lippman, Maryville.
Treasurer—Mrs. S. B. Cowell, Queen City.
Organizer—Mrs. Dora Hallock, Monroe City.

1901-1902.

President—Mrs. Mary D. Lawrence, Kansas City.
First Vice-President—Mrs. A. R. Morgan, St. Louis.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Linnie C. Mount, Memphis.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Abbie Gould, LaClede.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Delle Rutledge, Monroe City.
Treasurer—Mrs. S. B. Cowell, Queen City.
Organizer—Mrs. Dora Hallock, Monroe City.

1902-1903.

President—Mrs. Mary D. Lawrence, Kansas City.
First Vice-President—Mrs. A. R. Morgan, 3632 Blaine ave., St. Louis.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Georgia Kenerly, Lathrop.
Recording Secretary—Miss Nina Shearer, Unionville.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Delle Rutledge, Monroe City.
Treasurer—Miss Fannie Perin, Queen City.
Organizer—Mrs. Sophia McLean, Hamilton.

Colorado Grand Chapter.

It required less than three years from the founding of the first Chapter to give this state an organization of its own. On February 17th, 1900, its Chapter A, of Denver, was organized, and early in January, 1903, it had the following Chapters. Mrs. Lizzie Croft, State Organizer, organized all but Chapter A:

Chapter A, Denver, organized February 17th, 1900.
Chapter B, Las Animas, organized June 18th, 1901.
Chapter C, Colorado Springs, organized November 13th, 1901.
Chapter D, Lamar, organized December 11th, 1901.
Chapter E, Denver, organized March 3d, 1902.
Chapter F, Pueblo, organized April 3d, 1902.
Chapter G, Ft. Collins, organized October 2d, 1902.
Chapter H, Boulder, organized, January 5th, 1903.

Early in January, 1903, Supreme President Mrs. Hapeman made a tour of inspection of these Chapters, and each voted upon the question of state organization, unanimously favoring it. Chapter A, of Denver, invited a convention to meet there January 23d, to accomplish the work, and on that date the delegates elected assembled at 2 P. M., in Unity Church, Mrs. Hapeman presiding. The necessary steps were taken to elect state officers. The delegates were as follows:

Chapter A, Denver—Mrs. Bertha L. Reinert and Miss Margaret Hall.
Chapter B, Las Animas—Mrs. Franc Leedham.
Chapter C, Colorado Springs—Miss Helen Ver Steeg and Mrs. Viola Whittlesey.
Chapter D, Lamar—Mrs. Maud L. Stewart and Mrs. Zoa Merrill.
Chapter E, Denver—Mrs. Emilie Costigan and Miss Cynthia Simpson.
Chapter F, Pueblo, Miss Katherine Knapp.
Chapter G, Ft. Collins—Miss Virginia Corbett and Mrs. Pearl Griffith.
Chapter H, Boulder—Miss Lucille Moore and Miss Marie Alexander.

The election resulted in the selection of the following officers:

President—Miss Virginia Corbett.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Bertha Reinert.
Second Vice-President—Mrs. Emilie Costigan.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Viola Whittlesey.
Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lucille Moore.

Treasurer—Miss Katherine Knapp.

Organizer—Mrs. Franc Leedham.

Mrs. Lizzie Croft, Mrs. Maud Stewart, and Miss Margaret Hall were elected delegates to the next Supreme Convention.

Miss Corbett then assumed the chair, appointing Miss Simpson, Miss Moore, and Miss Knapp a committee to form state by-laws.

An evening session was held, partly literary and social, and partly business. Exemplification of the ritual by Chapter E, and the reception and acceptance of an invitation by Chapter B, of Las Animas, for the next convention, were the chief affairs of moment in the evening session, with which the first convention of the Colorado Grand Chapter adjourned.

LIFE OF MISS VIRGINIA CORBETT.

Miss Virginia Corbett, President of the newly organized State Grand Chapter of Colorado is well fitted both by nature and education to assume the responsibilities of that important office. She is a graduate of Iowa State College, Ames, has had post-graduate studies in the University of Chicago and of Nebraska, and is now Professor of Literature and History in the Colorado State Agricultural College at Ft. Collins. She has had experience also in her association with P. E. O. Miss Corbett was initiated in the York, Nebraska, Chapter, then dimitted to Lincoln; was President of the Lincoln Chapter when the Nebraska Grand Chapter met there; was Vice-President of the Nebraska Grand Chapter at one time, and delegate to the Supreme Conventions held at Des Moines in 1892, at Omaha in 1895, and Newton in 1897.

Miss Virginia Corbett.

We quote a portion of Miss Corbett's address at the organization of the Colorado Grand Chapter:

"P. E. O. is not merely a literary club. It is this, but more. It is not simply an agency for organized charity, though many can speak with gratitude

of such work accomplished by our Order. It is more than this—it is a sisterhood, and that term can only be fully understood by those who can look back to life with sisters in one family. This close, loving sympathy is emphasized in our constitution, the first item mentioned in the elaboration of our object being: 'Individual growth in charity toward each P. E. O. and toward all with whom we associate.' The literary, social, and moral aims of the organization are then mentioned, the selection closing with the expression of an aim at 'temperance in opinion, speech, and habits.' This is a phase of the temperance question not often agitated, but what sweet influences will go out from our band, and be felt not only in local Chapters, but in the home, church, and social life of each member, if we but practice 'temperance in opinion, speech, and habits.' If P. E. O. did not stand for these things, for a band of sisters ready to shield and help each other, ready to weigh carefully the opinions of those differing, willing to make an effort to excuse some differences which must arise from the fact of differences in home life, in early training, and in the experiences and burdens of life—if P. E. O. did not mean just such a sisterhood, it would mean to me absolutely nothing, and this meeting to organize a State Grand Chapter would seem unnecessary. As a mere literary or social club it is not needed, for we could all be accommodated in some of the various clubs organized for this purpose alone. But we need something more than this; we need the strong loving sympathy of one woman for another; we need the helpful culture of the virtues of which our star is a constant reminder, in order to become truer women. I believe that because of this need there is a place for this organization which we have met here to perfect, and that the future contains great things for our Order in Colorado, as well as for our Sisterhood at large. The first Chapter in the state took the initial step which led toward this Grand Chapter which we have met to organize. In the difficulties of those pioneer experiences of P. E. O. in Colorado, we can only share in fancy, but Chapter A laid the foundations for what we now enjoy. A word of special appreciation of the work of our indefatigable Organizer, Mrs. Croft, is also due at this time. I am sure that other Chapters will unite with Chapter G, of Ft. Collins, in testifying that it is largely due to her kindly persistency that we enjoy the Chapter privileges which are so dear to us. With gratitude, then, for the kind Providence which has thus far attended our organization in Colorado, and with the principles of the Order which we hope to extend ever in mind, let us adopt the watchword of Denver—Forward! Let

Progress be the first word in the trilogy represented by the letters on our stars; let the E stand for the Enthusiasm with which we enter upon this new organization; and let O represent for us the Opportunity which now opens before Colorado P. E. O.'s."

Illinois Grand Chapter Organization.

BY MARY OSMOND.

The Illinois Chapters having unanimously signified their desire for organization, a convention was called in Monmouth, April 4th, for that purpose. An informal reception at the home of the sisters, Mrs. Mary E. Sikes and Miss Jennie Mitchell, the evening of the 3d, made the delegates acquainted with each other.

The convention assembled Saturday morning, April 4th, in the B. P. O. E. hall, which was freely tendered for the purpose. Supreme Organizer Mrs. Dora Hallock called the members to order, and announced the purpose of the meeting. Devotional exercises were in charge of Miss Anna Glenn, Chaplain of Chapter E, of Monmouth. Mrs. Eva Diffenbach presided at the piano during the day. A solo, by Miss Bessie Bassett, of Aledo, was given, and Mrs. Hallock then selected as guards for the morning session Mrs. Hardin and Mrs. Colwell, and for the afternoon, Mrs. Brewer and Miss Stewart. Mrs. Harriet Camm, of Chapter E, was appointed Recording Secretary *pro tem.*, and acted during the day.

An address of welcome was made by Mrs. Caroline Sipher, President of Chapter E, which was responded to by Mrs. Maude Torry, of Chapter A.

Mrs. Hallock presented the officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter in attendance, being Mrs. Hapeman, President; Mrs. Pratt, Treasurer, and Miss Osmond, editor of the *Record*. She appointed two reporters for the Monmouth papers, Mrs. Nellie Ewing and Miss Carrie Wallace. Many visitors from near Chapters, and three from Iowa, were present. The enrollment of delegates was made, as follows:

Chapter A, Chicago—Mrs. Maude B. Torry and Mrs. Minnie Ailworth.
Chapter B, Clinton—Mrs. Nellie R. Danks.
Chapter C, Vermont—Mrs. Rebecca Freeman and Mrs. Ophelia Pittinger.
Chapter D, Chicago—Mrs. Mary R. McCosh and Mrs. Lulu C. Williams.
Chapter E, Monmouth—Mrs. Caroline Sipher and Mrs. Juniata Xander.
Chapter F, Quincy—Mrs. Belle Johnson.
Chapter G, Alexis—Miss Alena Loveridge and Miss Pauline Tubbs.
Chapter H, Aledo—Mrs. Bessie Watson and Miss Bessie Bassett.
Chapter I, Chicago—Mrs. Grace Parks.

Proxy votes for the absent delegates were granted—Chapters B, F, and I. Committees were as follows:

State By-Laws.—Mrs. McCosh, Mrs. Danks, and Mrs. Freeman.

Credentials.—Mrs. Sipher, Mrs. Johnson, and Miss Loveridge.

Resolutions.—Mrs. Watson, Miss Tubbs, and Mrs. Ailworth.

Local By-Laws.—Mrs. Torry, Mrs. Pittinger, and Mrs. Parks.

Local Corresponding Secretary's Books.—Mrs. Xander, Miss Bassett, Mrs. Danks, and Mrs. Williams.

The dispensation from the Supreme Grand Chapter granting the organization was read by Mrs. Camm. Reports of local Chapters were heard upon their work and progress. When the committees necessary to organization had reported, election for state officers began, Mrs. Sikes and Miss Glenn acting as tellers. The officers elected were:

President—Mrs. Nellie R. Danks.
First Vice-President—Mrs. Ophelia Pittinger.
Second Vice President—Miss Alena Loveridge.
Recording Secretary—Miss Bessie Bassett.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Lulu Williams.
Treasurer—Mrs. Belle Johnson.
Organizer—Mrs. Juniata Xander.

Delegates to the next Supreme Grand Chapter Convention were elected, being Mrs. Maude Torry, Mrs. Grace Parks, and Mrs. Caroline Sipher, with Mrs. Ailworth, Dr. Dickinson (a delegate from Chapter I not in attendance), and Mrs. Watson, as alternates. The election having thus been accomplished easily and speedily, the quartette sang again, the first time having been during the opening exercises. It sang twice in the afternoon, contributing much to the pleasure of the occasion. Its members were Miss Maud Krollman, Miss Ethel Sykes, Mrs. Spencer, and Miss Lillian Morton, of Chapter E. As it was noon at this point of the proceedings, an adjournment followed of an hour and one-half, during which an elegant luncheon was given in the hall by the ladies of Chapter E for the members of the convention.

Upon convening in the afternoon session, the first business was an exemplification of the ritual by the officers of Chapter E, the initiate being a real one—Mrs. Vie Hardin Smith. Mrs. Carrie Hapeman performed the installation of the new state officers, after which Mrs. Danks assumed the chair for a short time to thank the convention and ask the co-operation of all this first trying year. She then requested Mrs. Hallock to preside the rest of the after-

noon. The report of the State By-law Committee was the cause of considerable debate as to ways and means of governing the organization, during which Mrs. Hapeman's advice was asked and given in several instances. The remaining committee reports were heard and disposed of, and miscellaneous hour arrived.

Mrs. Hapeman made a short address full of wise counsel for the delegates to carry to the Chapters, followed by Miss Osmond in a few directions as to the relations of the Chapters and the *Record*.

The closing ode and adjournment followed the final reading of the minutes, and thus the first state organization of P. E. O. east of the Mississippi river was accomplished.

Iowa Statistical Table of Chapters.

CHAPTER A, MT. PLEASANT.

Organized January 21st, 1869. Charter members: Alice Bird (Babb), Alice Coffin, Franc Roads (Elliott), Mary Allen (Stafford), Hattie Briggs (Bosquet), Suella Pearson (Penfield), and Ella Stewart.

Lost by death: Hattie Briggs-Bosquet, Alice Coffin, Ella Stewart, Pauline Ambler-Janes, Dora Shaw-Cook, Flora Baugh, Emma Munsell-George, Mary Phillips-Hoover, Laura Comstock-Clark, Lizzie Leibrick-Von Behren, Hattie Lenox, Julia Pardee-Taylor, Alice Caufman-Whitford, Ollie Spencer, Anna L. Stewart, Jennie Porter-Bean, Phillie Lahrman, Mattie Van Cise-Hamilton, Nellie Ambler-Campbell, Flora Griffith-Waite, Emma McFarland, Mary Latham, Edith Baugh, Katrine Todd, May Weir-Williams, Emma Rukgaber, Laura Hall, Appie Latham, Hattie Latham-Hawkins, Mina Gleency-Stevens, Julia Gilman-Blaikie, Edith Smith-Drake, Gertrude Bowman, Florence Beckwith, Lillian Woolson, Corine Angle, Dora Jones-Brown, Ittie Sawyers, Mary Sutton-Smith, Georgie Jones-Webb, Alice Green, Kate Parks, Emma Townsend-Keeler, and Eva Wherry.

Number of active members, 103. Chapter A has initiated 612 members since organization.

NOTES.—Chapter A is regarded in Mt. Pleasant as one of the substantial institutions upon which to depend in need, or upon which to call, if necessary, for assistance towards public entertainments. It is worthy of especial mention that Chapter A has spent $1,000 on sidewalks to the City Cemetery; $300 towards the Ladies' Library fund; is continually giving to the poor in various shapes, such as roofing a poor man's house, paying up arrears in rent in many cases, as well as liberal Thanksgiving and Christmas donations to the worthy poor each year.

CHAPTER B, BLOOMFIELD.

Organized December 4th, 1874, by Mrs. Maud Weaver-Robinson, assisted by Mrs. Belle Brooks-Lynch.

Charter members: Maud Weaver-Robinson, Nellie Palmer-Edwards, Cliff Cole-Hull, Etta Trimble-Wray, Nannie Leach-Trimble, Kate Axline-Ellis, and Etta Hagan-Payne.

Lost by death, 15; number of members now active, 54; total enrollment, 154.

NOTES.—The assembly to plan for the organization of what is now the Supreme Grand Chapter met at Bloomfield in 1882. Sweet charity has often quickened the sympathies and loosened the purse strings of Chapter B.

CHAPTER C, FAIRFIELD.

Organized September 12th, 1881, by Chapter A, of Mt. Pleasant.

Charter members: Lizzie Hunt, Mary Lamson, Fannie Beck, Annie Cummings, Effie Monfort, Ella Lamson, Kittie Wilson, and Cora Phelps.

Lost by death: Effie Monfort, Mattie Jackson, Carrie Stubbs, Anna C. Long, Clara Worthington, Clara Hampson, Grace Stanton, and Lottie Day.

Number of members now active, 83.

NOTES.—In October, 1883, entertained the convention which organized the Supreme Grand Chapter. This Chapter has given $1,000 to the Jefferson County Library Association, $150 towards the re-building of Parsons College, and about $100 in local charity gifts. Fifty dollars was sent to Pomeroy sufferers from the cyclone, and $25 to Grinnell when afflicted by the same cause; one of the missions for colored girls in the south was sent $10.

CHAPTER D, CENTERVILLE.

Organized September 8th, 1881, by charter members Mary Berry-Price, Joe Disbro, Stella Reesman-Oneal, Stella Young, Sadie Lane, Eva Drake-Goss, Jennie Drake-Sawyers, Emma Goss-Vermillion, Lou McLaughlin, Sallie Wright, and Birdie Young.

Lost by death: Stella Young, Vina Lloyd, and Orian Pendleton.

Number of active members, 93.

NOTE.—Charter granted by Chapter A, signed by Ella A. Stewart.

CHAPTER E, IOWA CITY.

Organized March 8th, 1883, by a sister from Mt. Pleasant, either Miss Bartlett or Miss Simmons, and the sister afterwards went to the missionary field as a missionary.

Charter members: Emma L. Nixon-Moon, Fanny A. Edwards-Guthrie, Clara Seymore-Clapp, Maggie Holmes-Seerley, and May Robinson-Crawford.

Lost by death: May Robinson-Crawford, Hattie B. Wilson, Anna M. Shrader, Alice Sthrom-Lee, and Mary Green-Lefevre.

Number of active members, 30.

NOTES.—Chapter E has accomplished much literary work, but has more largely been social, philanthropic, and charitable. A considerable amount has been raised for a cemetery fund, by organizing an association for the care and beautifying of our City Cemetery. One hundred dollars has been provided to help pay the debt and improve the building of the Young Men's and Young Woman's Christian Association, "Close Hall." There are two state hospitals in Iowa City in connection with the State University, and Chapter E furnished a room in each of these hospitals, and keep both of these rooms furnished and supplied; they are named and known as P. E. O. rooms.

CHAPTER F, MOULTON.

Organized April 12th, 1884, by Clara Weiny and Phœbe Swan, of Bloomfield, at the home of Miss Ollie Gates, now Mrs. Ollie G. Pulliam.

Charter members: Mrs. Ollie Gates-Pulliam, Orian Pendleton, Julia B. Stuckey, Minnie Callen-Beck, Mrs. Hattie Marshall, Lillian Moore-Berry, and Belle Smith.

Lost by death: Mrs. Dona Law and Ota Rucker.

Number of members now active, 46.

NOTES.—The Illustrious Order of O. E. P., organized in Moulton, is an auxiliary to the P. E. O. The Chapter from time to time has generously aided home people and home enterprises. The Chapter took the cemetery in charge, and for some time has kept it in excellent condition.

CHAPTER G, OTTUMWA.

Organized May 27th, 1884, by the authority of the Grand Chapter, at the home of Miss Ella Bartlett, Mrs. Maud Robinson acting as President, assisted by Miss Belle Marlow, also the Misses Hare and Spalding, of Chapter A, Mt. Pleasant. Its charter was signed by Mrs. Mary Berry-Price.

Charter members: Florence Fulton, Lettie Porter, Anne Cresswell, Fannie Burton, Emma Fiedler, Alice Telfer, Kittie Simmons, Carrie Creswell, Anna Israel, Lida Barnes, Terra Godley, Alice Sellers, and Belle Foster.

Lost by death: Mrs. Eva Fuller-Foland, Miss Fanny J. Burton, Mrs. Frances Barnett, Miss Irene Roberts Evans Briggs, Miss Laura Boulton, Miss Lida Barnes Boude, Miss Anita Ely, and Miss Helen Elliott.

Number of active members, 88.

NOTES.—Chapter G has builded the reputation in the community of being a body of intelligent, conservative, reliable women, who do what they pretend

to do well. The Chapter has furnished a room at the City Hospital, known as the P. E. O. room, and besides the usual furnishings have added all the accessories to make it beautiful, comfortable, even luxurious. The white and gold idea is carried throughout. It has a beautiful bed of flowers in the cemetery, cared for by the committee in turn. Each 30th of June, after decorating the graves of their departed sisters, the members gather and hold brief but impressive memorial services for the beloved sisters who have departed this life. They presented a beautiful silk flag to Company G, of the state militia. Took initiatory steps towards forming the Iowa State Grand Chapter in 1893.

CHAPTER II, ALBIA.

Organized August 30th, 1884, by the Ottumwa Chapter, Mrs. Alice Spilman, Miss Burton, and others.

Charter members: May Porter, Nannie Lockman (Mabry), Carrie Duncan (Taylor), Minnie Early (Duncan), Mabel Ritchie, Lou Porter Woodruff, Florence P. Pennington, Metta Boals (Orr), and Minnie Ritchie (Violet).

Lost by death: Hattie Shields, Ella Ruffner Daugherty, Nannie Phillips, Anna Barnes, and Emma Byerly Fisco.

Number of active members, 70.

NOTES.—Was instrumental in organizing several other Chapters, namely: Chariton, Iowa; Tacoma, Washington; Las Animas, California; Denver, Colorado, and Marshalltown, Iowa. Bought a patrons' membership in the Orphans' Home at Davenport. Made a contribution to the Aged Women's Home at Des Moines. Entertained the Supreme Grand Chapter in 1887, and had two members serve as Corresponding Secretary of the Supreme Grand Chapter—Hattie Shields, 1887-1888, and Maud Anderson, 1897-1898.

CHAPTER I, KEOSAUQUA.

Organized December 26th, 1884, by Miss May Hare, of Mt. Pleasant, assisted by Miss Mary Latham, also of Mt. Pleasant, and Miss Belle Marlowe and Ida Eno, of Keosauqua, all of whom were members of Chapter A, Mt. Pleasant.

Charter members: Miss Harriet Williamson, Miss Mary Brown, Miss Ione Snyder, Miss Estella Bonney, Miss Maud Miller, Miss Kate Manning, and Miss Stella Sloan.

Lost by death, 5; active members, 56.

NOTES.—In 1888 entertained the Grand Chapter. The P. E. O. colors, gold and white, were proposed by a member of our Chapter, and adopted by the convention.

CHAPTER J, WASHINGTON.

Organized February 6th, 1885, by Mrs. Julia Baldwin-McKibbin, assisted by representatives from Fairfield Chapter.

Charter members: Mrs. Hattie Wilson, Miss Eva Denny, Miss Ida Cunningham, Miss Sara McJunkin, Miss Belle Patterson, Miss A. E. Buchanan, and Miss Helen Sturgis.

Lost by death: Miss Sara Cunningham, Mrs. Maud D. Maxwell, Mrs. May Clifton, and Miss Docella Daugherty.

Number of active members, 70.

NOTES.—The movements of Chapter J have been along literary and social rather than philanthropic lines. In way of charitable work, send well-filled baskets to the poor each Thanksgiving day. Prepared a Christmas tree in 1901, and two hundred poor children were invited; each child was given, besides a sack of candy and a pop-corn ball, a book, doll, knife, or toy. There was a Santa Claus, much to the delight of the children. In 1902 assisted with a Christmas tree for the kindergarten children. The kindergarten movement was promoted by interested members, who helped to furnish the room and to maintain several needy children through the term.

CHAPTER K, OSCEOLA.

Organized August 1st, 1885, by Mrs. Nellie Edwards, of Bloomfield.

Charter members: Mary Emerson-McKinnon, Bertha Dunlap, Minnie Garretson-Callender, Hattie Webster-Dunlap, Ola Brady Griffiths, Kate McAuley-Welch, and Fannie Dibble-Trent.

Lost by death: Mary Rice-McConnaughey, Carrie Boyle-Taylor, Ida Davis, Emma Bonney-Winter, Clara Mulkey, and Berry Reeves-Gueches.

Number of active members, 74.

NOTES.—Aided Russian famine sufferers. Entertained State Convention in 1898.

CHAPTER L, SIGOURNEY.

Organized June 26th, 1886, by Mrs. Hattie Wilson, of Washington, Iowa.

Charter members: Miss Jean Abernethy, Miss Berenice Brown, Miss Stella Loffer, Miss Kittie Page, Miss Bird Simpson, Miss Laura Startzman, and Miss Gertrude Merriam.

Lost by death: Mrs. Phe Bracken-Howard.

Number of active members, 41.

NOTES.—Total enrollment, seventy, and we have no resident inactive members. Had Supreme President—Mrs. Nannie Torrence.

CHAPTER M, KNOXVILLE.

Organized August 31st, 1886, by Miss Josie Parsons, of Chapter D.

Charter members: Mrs. Nora Elliott, Miss Lizzie Cathcart, Miss Lute Parsons, Miss Emma Lyman, Mrs. Nettie Hart, Miss Della Parsons, Miss Belle Craddick, and Miss Jean McMillan.

Lost by death: Mrs. Persie Woodruff-Cooper.

Number of active members, 83.

NOTE.—Entertained State Grand Chapter in the summer of 1897.

CHAPTER N, CHARITON.

Organized February 19th, 1887, by Mrs. Boales and Miss Shields, of Albia.

Charter members: Mrs. Lula S. Copeland, Miss Clara H. Culbertson, Miss Zora S. Harper, Miss Rosa F. Muhey, Mrs. Laura P. Couch, Miss Mollie Freel, Mrs. Jessie M. Lipsey, and Mrs. Gertrude A. Stanton.

Lost by death: Mrs. Ella Maple, Miss Elizabeth McKlveen, Mrs. Lula Crozier, and Miss Fern Brown.

Number of active members, 80.

CHAPTER O, FARMINGTON.

Organized October 1st, 1887, by Chapter I, Keosauqua.

Charter members: Elsie King, Maggie Boler-Carr, Belle Clifford-Goodnight, Nora Earley-Dodds, Lottie D. Perry, Clara Bank-Doeling, and Clara G. Bayles.

Lost by death: Emma Cappleman.

Number of active members, 36.

CHAPTER P, BURLINGTON.

Organized November 29th, 1887, by Mrs. Effie Hoffman-Rogers, Past Supreme President of the Grand Chapter.

Charter members: Mrs. W. F. Burg, Miss Minnie Osgood, Miss Josephine Young, Miss Nellie Osgood, Miss Minnie P. Cowles, Mrs. Ella C. Clark, and Miss Mame Zaiser.

Lost by death: Mrs. Minnie Cowles-Phillips, Mrs. Velma A. Cowles, Mrs. May Hillhouse-Nixon, Mrs. Willie Schomp-Smythe, Mrs. H. L. Nixon, Mrs. Amelia B. Jarvis, and Miss Stella May Thomas.

Number of active members, 67.

NOTES.—Entertained the Supreme Grand Chapter in October, 1890. Contributed $50 to the Childrens' Home Finding Society, of Des Moines. Fitted a room in Burlington Hospital (Protestant) with beautiful furnishings, which are most complete, including an invalid's chair. The colors, yellow and white, prevail. The room is carefully watched over by the Hospital Committee of Chapter P.

CHAPTER Q, DES MOINES.

Organized April 13th, 1888, by Effie Hoffman-Rogers, Past Supreme President.

Charter members: Mrs. Ella Godfrey, Mrs. Nira Russell, Mrs. Mabel Lucas-Locke, Mrs. Ara Pickell-Reed, Miss Mayme Bowen, Mrs. B. E. Israel, Mrs. Carrie M. Ogilvie, Miss Elizabeth Culver, Mrs. Lew Smith, Mrs. Frank Mason, and Mrs. Charles A. Bishop.

Lost by death: Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. Anna Maish-Luin, Mrs. Frank Jaquith, Mrs. Lillian Howell-Jewett, Miss Anetta Rice, Mrs. Agnes Martin-Cloud, Mrs. Charles A. Bishop, and Mrs. C. H. Ward.

Number of active members, 96.

NOTES.—The first P. E. O. Chapter to reach the century mark in number of members, having one hundred and eleven in November, 1901. Tenth annual meeting of the Supreme Grand Chapter was held in West Des Moines, October 12th, 13th, and 14th, 1892. Were then known as Chapter AC, afterwards changed to Chapter Q.

CHAPTER R, CEDAR FALLS.

Organized January 26th, 1889, by P. E. O.'s attending Normal school, names unknown.

Charter members: Miss May Bly, Miss Sara Riggs, Miss Delia Dayton, Miss Mertie Hoagland, Miss Clara Boss, Miss Lura Chase, Miss Florence Chase, and Mrs. Julia Robinson.

Lost by death: Mrs. Florence Chase-Morley, Miss Edith Hoagland, and Miss May Bly.

Number of active members, 47.

NOTES.—Entertained the State Grand Chapter in May, 1899. At this convention Mrs. Katherine Bochmler was elected First Vice-President of the Iowa Grand Chapter. It was Chapter R.'s privilege to send a sister south for her health; she returned home much improved. Raised funds to build sidewalk to Greenwood Cemetery, one mile from town. Another project on foot for the benefit of the new library building. Have nineteen inactive members, one residing in Italy.

CHAPTER S, MT. PLEASANT.

Organized February 4th, 1889, by Mrs. Alice Babb and Mrs. Effie H. Rogers.

Charter members: Clara Bird-Kopp, Grace McDonald-Huston, Laura Evans-Miller, Olive Cole-Smith, Miriam Woolson-Bryant, Lena Williams-Huston, Anna Williams-Henshaw, Bertha Straub-Cartwright, Laura Coddington-Eason, Laura O'Neal-Marquis, Nellie Cavence-Thompson, Marie Siberts-Brandenburg, Myrta Daugherty-Griffin, Maisy Schreiner, Pearl Goodwin, Laura Hall, and Eva Gregg.

NOTE.—Disbanded in 1902.

CHAPTER T, GARDEN GROVE.

Organized May 4th, 1889, by Mrs. Ida Eno Wherry.

Charter members: Miss Lizzie Wilson, Miss Louise Flanagan, Miss Lucy Wilson, Mrs. Laura Russell-Wood, Mrs. Rose Parnell, Miss Ella Parrish, Miss Isabelle Beer, and Miss Mary Beer.

Lost by death: Miss Ella Parrish, Mrs. Henrietta Lillard, Mrs. Lucy Hanes, and Mrs. Elsa B. Arnold.

Number of active members, 43.

CHAPTER U, KEOKUK.

Organized September 2d, 1889, by Mrs. Ellie C. Buttles, of Burlington, Iowa.

Charter members: Mrs. Emma Cleaver-Scroggs, Mrs. Lizzie Davidson-Ringland, Miss Lucia Pittman, Miss Nannie Hill, Miss Lucy Cherry, Miss May Cherry, and Miss Viola Henderson.

Lost by death: Mrs. Lizzie Davidson-Ringland, Mrs. Florence Mathias-Dick, Mrs. Lutie Cherry-Price, Mrs. Etta Hewitt-Bowman, Miss Gladys Becker, and Mrs. Grace C. Bonham.

Active members, 42.

NOTES.—The first President was Mrs. Emma Cleaves-Scroggs, a member from the mother Chapter A. Raised liberal sums of money by giving entertainments. The greatest achievements in local charitable work has been the furnishing of a room in the Benevolent Union Home, in 1895, and the furnishing of the room in the Graham Protestant Hospital, in 1901. Charitable work outside has consisted of responses to calls for relief for the Pomeroy cyclone sufferers and the Alexandria, Missouri, flood sufferers, and the famine sufferers of Russia; filling comfort bags for sailors; sending lemons to Company A, Iowa National Guard, while at camp at Jacksonville, Florida; the placing of an orphan in a good home through the Iowa Home Finding Society. Made an interesting P. E. O. quilt, each block has a gold-colored star appliqued upon white ground, and indelibly written on each are Chapter letters, dates of organization, and names of the towns of Chapters responding; also contains one block for each of the charter members of the original Chapter, and one each for the deceased members of Chapter U. It is to serve as a P. E. O. record, and be placed in the P. E. O. memorial home, when established. Out of a membership of seventy-two, Chapter U claims thirty-eight married women, fifteen having married after their admission into the Chapter.

CHAPTER V, DES MOINES.

Organized January 3d, 1890, by Miss Nannie Torrence, now Mrs. Stockman.

Charter members: Miss Georgia Warrick, Miss Jane Kreigh, Mrs. Angie Kreigh-Francesco, Miss Sybil Jeffries, Miss Amanda Morey, Mrs. Vida Otis-Hiatt, and Miss Ella F. Johnson.

Lost by death: Miss Amanda Morey and Miss Flora Wright.

Number of active members, 78.

NOTES.—Chapter V helped Chapter A entertain the Supreme Grand Chapter in October, 1892. Chapter V entertained the Supreme Grand Chapter in October, 1891.

CHAPTER W, LEON.

Organized January 31st, 1890, by Garden Grove Chapter.

Charter members: Miss Cora Lunbeck, Miss Clair Lunbeck, Miss Helen Young, Mrs. Olive Caster, Mrs. Cora Hull, Mrs. Himena Parrish, Mrs. Sallie Hawkins, and Mrs. Bertha Layton.

Lost by death: Mrs. Emma Roy, Mrs. Ida Alexander, and Miss Kate Gates.

Number of active members, 67.

NOTES.—Since February 5th, 1895, have established and maintained a hall of our own. In 1897 furnished a room in the New Children's Home at Des Moines, in memory of Miss Kate Gates, who was a faithful worker in that Society; refurnished it last spring, and expect to maintain it in the future. Have given sixty volumes and $25 in money to the Public Library. Were instrumental in having a neat band stand and comfortable benches placed in the public park. Have sent boxes of clothing to needy persons and canned fruits to the Children's Home Society at Des Moines.

CHAPTER X, OSKALOOSA.

Organized June, 1890, by Mrs. Effie Hoffman-Rogers, Past Supreme President.

Charter members: Winnie Jones, Minnie Trask, Alice Elenberger, Maud Norris, Kate Byers, Mae Miller, Kate Gunn, and Emma Cadwallader-Hyatt.

Lost by death: Mrs. Caroline Beaudry, and Mrs. Minta Flickinger.

Number of active members, 64.

NOTES.—Entertained the State Grand Chapter in May, 1900. It was through Chapter X and the kindness of C. L. Barnhouse, composer of music, that the Sisterhood has a P. E. O. march.

The catalogue printed in 1887 says: "Organized in 1873; reorganized October 4th, 1884;" and gives these charter members of that organization: Mrs. Joe Williams Blanchard, Emma Kahlbach (dead), Mrs. Alice Bennett, Mrs. Mary Loring, Miss Ella Crichett, Miss Leoni McMillan, and Mrs. Effie H. Rogers.

CHAPTER Y, WHAT CHEER.

Organized July 12th, 1890, by Mrs. Nannie Torrence-Stockman, Past Supreme President.

Charter members: Mrs. Lizzie Frye-Baines, Mrs. W. J. Dean, Mrs. Rilla D. Funk, Mrs. Estella H. Vore, Miss Louise Woodbridge, Mrs. Evaline Baines, and Mrs. Addie Funk.

Lost by death: Mrs. Laura Carl, Mrs. Myra Burlingame, and Mrs. Gail Warner.

Number of active members, 31.

NOTE.—Mrs. Huldah Reed was elected to the office of Organizer at the state convention in 1902.

CHAPTER Z, WATERLOO.

Organized October 11th, 1890, by the Chapter at Cedar Falls.

Charter members: Mrs. Laura Putnam-Couch, Mrs. Iola Brown-Blocklinger, Mrs. Edna Robertson, Mrs. Harriet Simpson-Faeres, Miss Elsa A. Perry, Mrs. Marie Lyons-Joy, Mrs. Sara Beem-Davis, and Mrs. Belle Sanders-Knowlton.

Lost by death: Mrs. Harriet Faeres, Miss Jessie Boies, and Mrs. Julia Fowler.

Number of active members, 87.

NOTES.—The Chapter has been honored twice, in both Supreme and State offices. At no time has there been more than three inactive members, and all but one of these has been reinstated. Among its members are some of more than usual talent—a noted singer; Mrs. Jean Walker, whose artistic designs are often found upon our magazines; and a writer of no mean ability, recognized as such by all P. E. O.'s in Mrs. Siddie Richards, who edited the *Record* and published it at the Waterloo *Courier* office.

CHAPTER AA, AMES.

Organized August 3d, 1891, by Mrs. Mansfield and Miss Mabel Lucas, of Chapter Q, Des Moines.

Charter members: Mrs. Laura West-Smith, Miss Dora Hamilton, Mrs. Mary T. West, Mrs. Ellen A. Bingham, Mrs. Alma C. Beck, Mrs. Sara E. Bigelow, Mrs. Frances Judd-Sheldon, Mrs. Sara Kraiger-Wilson, and Mrs. Harriet Bradley-Santee.

Lost by death: Mrs. Laura West-Smith, Mrs. Sara Kraiger-Wilson, Mrs. Eliza Whitaker, Mrs. Harriet Bradley-Santee, Mrs. Margaret McDonald-Stanton, and Mrs. Phœbe Munn.

Number of active members, 59.

NOTE.—Entertained Iowa State Convention in 1902.

CHAPTER AB, BONAPARTE.

Organized September 1st, 1891, by Farmington, Iowa, Chapter.

Charter members: Miss Nettie Israel, Mrs. Ada McConnaughey, Miss Belle Devon, Miss Berenice Cresap, Miss Cora Butler, Miss Florida Boyer, and Mrs. Anna Chapman.

Number of active members, 27.

NOTES.—Has been three times represented in the Supreme Grand Chapter—at Newton, Chicago, and Des Moines. Work mostly literary and philanthropic. A happy event was an all-day social in celebration of the Chapter's tenth anniversary, at the home where the Chapter was organized. The charter members entertained the galaxy of sisters that had been drawn within their circle in the intervening years.

CHAPTER AC, HAMPTON.

Organized September 28th, 1891, by Emily Steele, of Knoxville, Iowa.

Charter members: Miss Carrie Hensell, Mrs. Annie Procter, Mrs. Ella Beebe, Mrs. Anita Funk-Wheeler, Mrs. Athie Patterson, Mrs. Nellie L. Harrison, Mrs. Lula Schabacker, Mrs. Belle Haecker, Miss Emma Funk, Mrs. Celestia Hutchins, Mrs. Hettie Cook, Miss Ida Bryan, Miss Viola Waller, Miss Flora Beed, Mrs. Jennie Belle Ferguson, Miss Bertha Bangs, and Mrs. May Proctor-Smith.

Lost by death: Mrs. Alice Gray, Mrs. Lillian Butler, and Miss Eva Lane.

Active members, 32.

CHAPTER AD, MILTON.

Organized March 9th, 1892, by Mrs. Lillian Young.

Charter members: Deo Bauch, Vina Smith, Ida George, Anna George, Estella Gilfillan, Hallie Marson, Mrs. Lillian Harrell, Jennie Bauch, and Nettie Rowland.

Lost by death: Mrs. Lulu Hagler-Brown.

Number of active members, 31.

CHAPTER AE, CLARINDA.

Organized May 3d, 1892, by Mrs. Kate Stearns and Miss Isabelle Beer, both of Garden Grove, Iowa.

Charter members: Mrs. Margaret Butler-Poley, Mrs. Emma Crabell-Browning, Mrs. Carrie Butler-Collier, Miss Zelma Frazier, Mrs. Cora Sullivan, Mrs. Mary Butler-Westcott, Mrs. Etta Van Sandt, Mrs. Mary Beutch-Clark, and Mrs. Mary Foster-Miller.

Lost by death: Mrs. Eleanor Butler and Mrs. M. R. Ausbach.

Number of active members, 27.

NOTE.—Conducted for one year a public library, paying out about $500 during that time for maintenance. Gave it up because burden was too heavy, and was not well patronized.

CHAPTER AF, ATLANTIC.

Organized June 6th, 1892, by Mrs. Adelia Gregg-Thomas, of Mt. Pleasant Chapter, and Mrs. Stone, of Ottumwa Chapter.

Charter members: Mrs. Della Dickerson, Mrs. Edna Scott, Mrs. Jennie Cannon, Mrs. M. Lue Weber, Mrs. Dora Stanton, Miss Ellen Austin, Miss Bertha Morrison, Miss Loda Bellville, Miss Jennie Clute, Miss Frances Dickerson, Miss Margaret Thomas, and Miss Hattie Bostedo.

Lost by death: Miss Francis Dickerson and Mrs. Ella Frost.

Number of active members, 32.

CHAPTER AG, WINTERSET.

Organized August 24th, 1892, by Mrs. Marie Lyons-Joy.

Charter members: Ella Nichol, Bertha Wainwright, Effa Lyons Strong, Jennie Dean, Gretchen Kreuger-Russell, Harriet Snyder-Leonard, and Mrs. Marie Lyons-Joy.

Lost by death: Madge Short Lucas.

Number of active members, 34.

NOTE.—Entertained P. E. O. convention in 1896.

CHAPTER AH, WEST LIBERTY.

Organized September 2d, 1892, by Mrs. A. R. Dewey, Supreme President.

Charter members: Mrs. Deborah H. Jorgensen, Mrs. Anna Andrews, Miss Linn Harris, Mrs. Abbie Fenstermaker, Miss Mary Mead, Mrs. Hattie Smaltz, Mrs. Adeline C. Smith, Mrs. Mollie S. Ady, and Miss Atwood Luse.

Lost by death: Mrs. Adeline Smith, Mrs. Millie Kincaid, Miss Louise Teeters, Miss Eleanor McElravy, and Miss Eliza Harrison.

Number of active members, 41.

NOTE.—For a number of years Chapter AH was the only literary society in the town of West Liberty.

CHAPTER AI, ROCK RAPIDS.

Organized July, 1888, or November 27th, 1892, by Mrs. Emma D. Anderson, formerly of Fairfield Chapter.

Charter members: Mrs. Emma D. Anderson, Mrs. Minnie Green, Mrs. Alice Fisher, Mrs. Jennie Edwards, Mrs. Nettie Greenleaf, Miss Edith Carpenter, Miss Candace Loughridge, and Miss Carrie Lockwood.

Lost by death: Mrs. Grace Gibson-Cassady, Mrs. Nettie Greenleaf, Miss Candace Loughridge, and Miss Nettie Gardner.

Number of active members, 39.

NOTES.—Two dates of organization are given, because the Chapter was organized originally in 1888, and after a few years no meetings were held until November 27th, 1892, when it was re-organized and procured its first charter. Have a live, working Chapter, the members of which do fine literary and social work.

CHAPTER AK, BROOKLYN.

Organized August 11th, 1893, by Miss Magdalene Landes, of Chapter at Keosauqua, and Mrs. Lottie Patterson, of Chapter at What Cheer.

Charter members: Miss Magdalene Landes, Mrs. Lottie Patterson, Mrs. Lola G. Landes, Mrs. Rebecca Robinson, Mrs. Eva Rainsburg, Miss Clara Spencer, Mrs. Ida Shrader, and Miss Blanch Tucker.

Lost by death: Mrs. Ina McCosh-Cooper.

Active members, 17.

NOTE.—In 1898, during the months of June, July, and August, the Society held an industrial school, which was well attended, and some good accomplished.

CHAPTER AL, NEW SHARON.

Organized August 29th, 1893, by Chapter X, Oskaloosa.

Charter members: Julia Vickers, Josephine Conoway, Lida Adams, Sophia Griffey, Ollie Bowdle, Sade M. Carson, and Lillian Vail.

Number of active members, 27.

CHAPTER AM, NEVADA.

Organized September 22d, 1893, by Miss Flora Wilson.

Charter members: Mrs. Nettie Alderman, Mrs. Cornelia Briggs, Mrs. Letta Briggs-McCall, Mrs. Emma Boardman, Mrs. Edith Ferner-McCall, Mrs. Orra Grove, Mrs. Mary Measham-Ambrose, Miss Anna Batman, Miss Lottie Dale, Miss Kate Thompson, Mrs. Love Lockridge-Drybread, Mrs. Jessie Payne, Mrs. Ada R. Fitchpatrick, Mrs. Lina Stone-Jackson, Mrs. Sylvia Thompson-Klove, Miss Elva Ferner, Miss Alice F. Lewis, and Miss Rose Murphy.

Lost by death: Miss Lydia Ringheim.

Number of active members, 49.

NOTES.—The Chapter has done some charitable work, also raised $50 to finish up basement in new city library.

CHAPTER AN, HUMESTON.

Organized September 26th, 1893, by Mrs. Clara C. Goltry.

Charter members: Mrs. M. E. King, Mrs. Lou Doze, Mrs. Cora Stoops, Mrs. Amy Ady, Mrs. Sophia Chase, Mrs. Allie Halderman, Mrs. Mattie Henderson, Mrs. Anna McCormick, Mrs. Mary Pratt, Mrs. Ella Bean, and Miss Ola Blakely.

Lost by death: Miss Mollie Henry, Mrs. Lou Doze, Mrs. Edith Henry, and Miss Mattie McKibben.

Number of active members, 23.

NOTE.—Chapter AN has been instrumental in establishing a number of Chapters in Iowa as well as New York, Indiana, Missouri, and Nebraska.

CHAPTER AO, NEWTON.

Organized April 3d, 1894, by Mrs. Carrie Hunter-Stubbs and Mrs. Charles Fullen, of Fairfield.

Charter members: Mrs. Flo H. Clark, Mrs. Lucy E. Vaughan, Mrs. Gertrude M. Gates, Mrs. Agnes Larimer, Mrs. Mary E. Brunner, Mrs. Dell McLaughlin-Fenton, Mrs. Mae E. Campbell-Eulice, Mrs. Anna Clark, Mrs. Eudora McGregor, Mrs. Maggie McKinley, Mrs. Pet Newell, Mrs. Carrie H. McCord, Mrs. Fannie H. Carrier, Mrs. Imogene Wright, Mrs. Marian Sampey-Jasper, Mrs. Myra D. Kennington, Mrs. Le Ora T. Ryan, Mrs. Stella T. Ammons, Miss Gulielma Zollinger, Miss Gertrude Stover, Miss Carrie B. Jackson, Miss Kittie M. Jackson, Miss Sarah A. Cowgill, Miss Jessie L. Winslow, and Miss Armenia Sampey.

Lost by death: Mrs. Emma Stover Pound and Mrs. Allie M. McCardell.

Number of active members, 46.

CHAPTER AP, HARLAN.

Organized June 1st, 1894, by a member of Chapter AF, Atlantic, Iowa.

Charter members: Celina Graves, Rachel Wyland, Clara Shoudy, Josephine Sandham, Sophie Scutt, Hattie Eshelman, and Luella Cleveland.

Number of active members, 78.

NOTES.—After several attempts along philanthropic lines, the Chapter concentrated efforts towards acquiring and maintaining a library to form the

nucleus for a free public library for the city of Harlan, and adopted by-laws and appointed a board which has its own officers, they having the entire charge of this work. After three years of active labor, have a circulating library of eight hundred volumes and two hundred public documents, state and national. This has required constant effort and generous support from the Chapter.

CHAPTER AQ, BRIGHTON.

Organized September 14th, 1894, by Mrs. Walter Campbell.

Charter members: Mrs. Laura White, Mrs. Lottie Terry, Mrs. Nora Parks, Miss Martha E. Emry, Miss Myrtle Smith, Miss May Pringle, Miss Linnie Downs, and Miss Frances Sales.

Number of active members, 25.

NOTE.—Have been organized almost eight years, and have but one inactive member, and she will not remain so.

CHAPTER AR, GRUNDY CENTER.

Organized September 17th, 1894, by Mrs. Laura Couch and Mrs. Siddie Richards, of Waterloo.

Charter members: Miss Louisa M. Anderson, Mrs. Bertha Scoville, Mrs. Alice Scoville, Miss Hattie Scoville, Mrs. Phila J. Hillyer, Miss Anna L. Crouse, Mrs. Lydia T. Crouse, Mrs. Alice A. Bigelow, Mrs. Maud Wilson-Lynn, and Miss Lillian Kerr.

Number of active members, 31.

CHAPTER AS, MANCHESTER.

Organized September 21st, 1894, by Mrs. Siddie Richards.

Charter members: Nellie E. Day, Hattie Peterson, Jennie P. Le Roy, Etta Peterson, Lillian D. McEwen, Martha Norris, Ella B. Jewell, and Willa H. Seeds.

Lost by death: Willa H. Seeds.

Number of active members, 17.

CHAPTER AT, SPENCER.

Organized April 27th, 1895, by Mrs. Walter Campbell.

Charter members: Lillie D. Morgan, Flora R. Bemis, Carrie B. Birdsall, Florence Constant, Myrtella Richardson, Virginia Bender, Frances Adams, Della Hendershott, Alice Blondel, and Jennie Nunns.

Lost by death: Mrs. Alice Blondel.

Number of active members, 32.

CHAPTER AU, MARENGO.

Organized June 7th, 1895, by State Organizer Mrs. Walter Campbell, assisted by Mrs. Shrader and Mrs. Landes, of Chapter AR, Brooklyn.

Charter members: Ida B. Baumer, Lucy E. Rising, Eva Burgy, Fanny Henderson, Lela Goldthwaite, Evelyn Schonborn, Alta M. Allum, and Mayme Clark.

Lost by death: Linnie Leggett.

Number of active members, 21.

CHAPTER AV, PRAIRIE CITY.

Organized July 30th, 1895, by Mrs. Lulu McHenry.

Charter members: Mrs. Clara Briggs-Kramer, Mrs. M. A. Gifford, Mrs. Sarah L. Feathers, Mrs. Emma Woodard, Mrs. Jennie Springer, Mrs. Mayme Bryan, Mrs. Laura Cozad, Miss Lella Woodard, Mrs. Ida Brown, and Mrs. Ellen Butters.

Lost by death: Mrs. Florence Little.

Number of active members, 23.

CHAPTER AW, OSAGE.

Organized March 3d, 1896, by Mrs. Julia Robinson, Organizer.

Charter members: Mrs. Nettie Barrett, Mrs. Laura Wood, Mrs. Mamie Pettit, Mrs. Cora Ross, Mrs. Flora Tupper, Mrs. Retta Cutler, Miss Clara Tupper, and Mrs. Lou Tomlinson.

Lost by death: Mrs. Flora Kingsbury and Miss Julia Jennison.

Number of active members, 33.

NOTE.—No inactive members, and never had any.

CHAPTER AY, ESTHERVILLE.

Organized November 6th, 1896, by Mrs. Julia Robinson, Organizer.

Charter members: Mrs. Mary E. Whelan, Mrs. Mary G. Williams, Mrs. Ada Ammon, Mrs. Eva M. Ladd, Mrs. Emma Allen, Mrs. Mamie Binford, Mrs. Helen Wells, Mrs. Maggie Hardie, and Mrs. Jessie R. Knapp.

Number of active members, 20.

NOTE.—Have done some charitable work, had a yearly literary program, and some very pleasant social functions.

CHAPTER AZ, CRESTON.

Organized December 29th, 1896, by Mrs. Julia N. Robinson, Organizer.

Charter members: Miss Luella Stanchfield, Miss Jessie Robb, Miss Mary Coyle, Miss Minnie Kramer, Mrs. Nora Kingsbury, Miss Lottie Perrigo, Mrs. Eva White, and Mrs. Anna Steininger.

Number of active members, 45.

CHAPTER BA, COLFAX.

Organized December 30th, 1896, by Mrs. Julia N. Robinson, Organizer.

Charter members: Mrs. Hortense Bailey-Vail, Mrs. J. P. Anderson, Mrs. Jessie A. Zachery, Mrs. Carrie G. Hatton, Mrs. Anna H. Kelly, Mrs. Mamie Weirick, Mrs. A. B. S. Turner, Mrs. Anna Goodrich, and Mrs. Margaret Stewart.

Number of active members, 30.

NOTES.—Soon after its organization Chapter BA took charge of the Colfax City Library. By steady, earnest work, and contributions of money, books, and room furnishings, the library has become an inviting place, and a factor for much good. A P. E. O. flower bed graces the public park in summer time.

CHAPTER BB, MARSHALLTOWN.

Organized May 21st, 1897, by Mrs. Julia N. Robinson, Organizer.

Charter members: Mrs. Josephine Conaway, Mrs. Blanche H. Willard, Miss Dora Hamilton, Mrs. Edith Hatch-Kinnan, Miss Christine Benson, Mrs. Cornelia Miller-Singleton, Miss Nettie V. Simpson, Mrs. Hattie Harper, and Mrs. Lizzie Alexander.

Number of active members, 23.

NOTE.—Chapter BB gave a large reception, September 12th, 1901, to two hundred leading ladies of Marshalltown for the benefit of P. E. O. of that city. Made a donation to the public library.

CHAPTER BC, WAVERLY.

Organized August 24th, 1897, by Mrs. Laura Couch.

Charter members: Mrs. Mary E. Ruddick, Mrs. Elizabeth Gibson, Mrs. Mary B. Whitmire, Mrs. Tillie G. Levy, Mrs. Nell W. Sheakley, Miss Anna J. Bowman, Miss Cora Brotherton, and Miss May Brotherton.

Number of active members, 30.

CHAPTER BD, INDEPENDENCE.

Organized October 27th, 1897, by Mrs. Laura P. Couch.

Charter members: Carrie L. Bucchele, Sadie Herrick, Carrie E. Williams, Florence McConnell, Isabel Currier, May Luther, Nannetta Agnew, and Lillie Soener.

CHAPTER BE, SPIRIT LAKE.

Organized November 1st, 1897, by Mrs. Julia N. Robinson.

Charter members: Mrs. Carrie B. Hayward, Mrs. Stella Keiser, Mrs. Susan Merryfield, Mrs. Bessie Dexheimer, Mrs. Ella Slattery, Mrs. Addie Sully, Mrs. Nellie Fountain, and Mrs. Kate Stone.

Number of active members, 18.

CHAPTER BF, AFTON.

Organized November 26th, 1897, by Mrs. Walter Campbell.

Charter members: Frances Shunk, Lulu McLennan, Elizabeth Lauder, Sallie Hubbell, Florence McDaniel, Estella Walker, and Elizabeth Morrow.

Lost by death: Sallie Hubbell.

Number of active members, 14.

CHAPTER BG, DE WITT.

Organized December 3d, 1897, by Mrs. Laura P. Couch.

Charter members: Miss Emma F. Merrell, Mrs. Anna Dennison, Mrs. Lucetta Arthur, Mrs. Zela T. Large, Mrs. Grace C. Nelson, Mrs. Georgia V. Price, Miss Clella C. Cotton, and Mrs. Ida Scott Taylor-McKinney.

Number of active members, 13.

NOTE.—Chapter BG was organized at the request of Mrs. Ida Scott Taylor-McKinney, who was received by dimit from Chapter C, of Jacksonville, Illinois, the third Chapter organized, consequently one of the oldest.

CHAPTER BH, MONROE.

Organized June 8th, 1898, by Mrs. Walter Campbell.

Charter members: Carrie Irwin Scharf, Alice Dix Snoke, Belle Neff, Jessie Davis Pearson, Alice Wilks, Ora Brownfield Beitzell, Minta Townsend, Minnie McDonald Robinson, and Myrtle Brownfield Roberts.

Number of active members, 21.

CHAPTER BI, SAC CITY.

Organized February 24th, 1898, by Mrs. Julia N. Robertson, Organizer.

Charter members: Miss Eu Della Kiser, Miss Lou Watson, Miss Una M. Conner, Miss Ella Wine, Miss Belle Henton, Miss Bessie Larrabee, Miss May Baxter, Miss Gertrude Spafford, and Miss Eily O. C. Hobbs.

Number of active members, 18.

NOTE.—Have kept up a literary interest at all of our meetings, having a well-arranged program, and have given a number of social functions.

CHAPTER BJ, AUDUBON.

Organized February 25th, 1898, by Mrs. Julia N. Robinson.

Charter members: Almedia H. Clark, Emma C. Culver, Harriet Bilharz, Beulah O. Soar, Ella M. Stearns, Lydia E. Turner, Genevieve R. Culver, Myrtle Wilson, and Mary E. Bilharz.

Number of active members, 25.

CHAPTER BK, EMMETSBURG.

Organized April 12th, 1898, by Julia N. Robinson.

Charter members: Mrs. Margaret Alexander, Mrs. Nettie Brown, Mrs. J. P. Crose, Mrs. Celia Davies, Mrs. Jennie Henry, Mrs. Vina Saunders, Mrs. Elizabeth Soper, and Mrs. Thyrza Watson.

CHAPTER BL, ROCK VALLEY.

Organized April 7th, 1898, by Mrs. Julia N. Robinson, Organizer.

Charter members: Mrs. Clemmie P. Carter, Miss Eloise Warner, Mrs. Elizabeth Huizenga, Mrs. Maud C. Vitzthum, Mrs. May M. Large, Mrs. Lottie K. Thomas, Mrs. Cora K. Drew, and Mrs. Stella E. Roberts.

Number of active members, 17.

NOTES.—Aided the public school library by donating $60. A few gifts of small amounts sent to the needy.

CHAPTER BM, GRINNELL.

Organized July 7th, 1898, by Mrs. Walter Campbell, Past Supreme President.

Charter members: Isabel G. Rayburn, Lida S. Moyle, Flora Goodfellow, Lizzie Roby, Alma Christian, Amanda Kemmerer, and Bertha M. Cowden.

Number of active members, 19.

CHAPTER BN, ACKLEY.

Organized December 9th, 1898, by Mrs. Julia N. Robinson, Organizer.

Charter members: Annabel Scales, Eva Saucer, Mrs. Floretta Francis, Delia McSwiggen, Mrs. Mary Goettel, Mrs. Mary A. Tanner, and Carrie Bolser.

Number of active members, 16.

NOTE.—Made $50 at a rummage sale, and gave it to the public library.

CHAPTER BO, LAKE CITY.

Organized February 3d, 1899, by Mrs. M. Lue Weber.

Charter members: Martha Campbell, Ella Field, Mary C. Hopkins, Grace W. Mighell, Josephine Moseley, Mae Strong, and Minna Wood.

Number of active members, 19.

CHAPTER BP, INDIANOLA.

Organized February 7th, 1898, by Mrs. M. Lue Weber.

Charter members: Mrs. Fanchon Clark-McClure, Mrs. Ollie Campbell-Clark, Mrs. Jessie Bryson-Watson, Miss Della McClure, Mrs. Lotta Richards-Ross, Miss Lillian Hurlbut, Mrs. Vivien Hinshaw, Miss Cora P. Howell, and Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson.

Number of active members, 24.

CHAPTER BQ, STUART.

Organized June 30th, 1889, by Mrs. M. Lue Weber.

Charter members: Mrs. Fannie M. Sever, Mrs. Catharine H. Leighton, Mrs. Nannie J. Boatright, Mrs. Mary O. Crooks, Mrs. Mary R. McCrae, Miss Louise M. Moulton, Miss Ruth A. Leighton, Miss Fannie E. Leighton.

Number of active members, 20.

CHAPTER BR, CORYDON.

Organized July 20th, 1899, by Miss Carrie Treon, of Centerville, deputized by Mrs. M. Lue Weber.

Charter members: Miss Carrie Goodell, Mrs. Mary Logan-Miles, Mrs. Blanche C. Drennan, Mrs. Carrie F. Garrett, Miss Winifred Miles, Mrs. Emma E. Rogers, Miss Lillian Rea, Miss Fannie Sargent, and Mrs. Lillian F. Selby.

Number of active members, 19.

NOTES.—Chapter BR opened what is known as the Corydon Public Library in May, 1901, and has maintained it since that time. It opened with books to the amount of $150, and now has a reading library of four hundred and seventy volumes, at the cost of $430. The library is well patronized, and seems to be highly appreciated. We were encouraged to take up this work by Mrs. Katherine M. Boehmler, of Cedar Falls, when she visited our Chapter.

CHAPTER BS, FORT MADISON.

Organized October 23d, 1899, by Mrs. M. Lue Weber, Organizer for Iowa.

Charter members: Mrs. Dell Phillips-Glazier, Mrs. Margaret Hazen, Miss Anna J. Janse, Miss Lora Eggleston, Mrs. Katherine Axt, Mrs. Lottie R. Okell, Miss Anna Jones, and Miss Jane Mason (Mrs. Kuno Doerr).

Number of active members, 13.

CHAPTER BT, DAVENPORT.

Organized December 6th, 1899, by Mrs. M. Lue Weber.

Charter members: Mrs. Maude Stolley, Mrs. Lilla Morgan, Mrs. Kate Huebotter, Miss Stella Van Court, Miss Edna Morgan, Miss Ione Burns, and Mrs. Belle McGill.

Number of active members, 15.

CHAPTER BU, PELLA.

Organized December 20th, 1899, by Mrs. Walter Campbell.

Charter members: Mrs. Ora L. Rietveld, Mrs. Helen Howell, Mrs. Rosella Van Moren, Mrs. Kate Van Spanckeren, Mrs. Anna L. Wheeler, Mrs. Armilla Cole, and Mrs. Elora B. Warren.

Number of active members, 15.

CHAPTER BV, HUMBOLDT.

Organized October 12th, 1900, by Mrs. Katherine Boehmler, State Organizer.

Charter members: Mrs. Mida F. Doan, Mrs. Lillian Ferreby, Mrs. Emily Hubbard, Mrs. Anna Osborne, Miss Edith Prouty, Mrs. Emma T. Sterns, Miss Leonora Ward, and Mrs. Kate B. White.

Number of active members, 10.

NOTES.—Joined the newly organized City Federation of Women's organization. Are sending a child to kindergarten, and have done various small things in that line.

CHAPTER BW, ALGONA.

Organized November 8th, 1900, by Mrs. Katherine Boehmler.

Charter members: Kate Putman Williams, Lora Dayton Robinson, Nellie H. Ingham, Luella R. Wilson, Gretta D. Chrischellis, Alice E. Call, Stella M. Peck, Anna M. Murtagh, Lulu M. Simpson, Minnie W. Drake, and Ella B. Quarton.

Number of active members, 16.

CHAPTER BX MAQUOKETA.

Organized December 12th, 1900, by Mrs. Katherine Boehmler.

Charter members: Mrs. A. J. House, Miss Carrie House, Mrs. Myrta Keck, Mrs. Sadie Ripple, Mrs. Clara Dengler, Mrs. Jessie Trumbull, Miss Carrie Swigart, Mrs. Jennie Kucheman, and Mrs. Carrie Barnes.

Number of active members, 19.

CHAPTER BY, GUTHRIE CENTER.

Organized January 9th, 1901, by Mrs. Katherine Boehmler.

Charter members: Jessie E. Lemmon, May Sayles, Lucy M. Hopkins, Eva Lane, Carrie Rogers, Georgia Milligan, Luella Applegate, Edith Updegraff, Jennie B. Weeks, and Mary Selby.

Number of active members, 16.

CHAPTER BZ, ELKADER.

Organized January 23d, 1901, by Mrs. Katherine Boehmler.

Charter members: Mrs. Mary Baxter, Mrs. Nellie Perry-Price, Mrs. May Leigh, Mrs. Stella Corlett, Mrs. Gussie Bayless, Mrs. Emma Gossmann, Miss Anna Wilke, and Mrs. Minnie Meyer.

Number of active members, 8.

NOTE.—The editor of the *Record* has said: "You are the only P. E. O. Chapter on this green earth that has put its local dues at $5.00 per annum."

CHAPTER CA, GREENFIELD.

Organized March 20th, 1901, by Mrs. Katherine Boehmler.

Charter members: Miss Nellie Wallace, Mrs. Agnes Mercer, Miss Effa Mae Tuttle, Mrs. Rhuie Lynch, Mrs. Effie Bickford, Mrs. Minnie Illtis, Mrs. Maude Harper, and Mrs. Katherine Yeager.

Number of active members, 9.

CHAPTER CB, IDA GROVE.

Organized April 17th, 1901, by Mrs. Katherine Boehmler.

Charter members: Anna M. Moorhead, Cora V. Loucks, Louisa J. Williams, Katherine R. Clark, May F. Johnson, Jessie Johnson, and Bertha A. Wilcox.

Number of active members, 12.

CHAPTER CC, GREENE.

Organized April 22d, 1901, by Mrs. Katherine Boehmler.

Charter members: Miss Eugenia Glodery, Mrs. Allie Green, Mrs. Jennie Baker, Miss Myrtle Mabee, Mrs. Nellie Lyford, Mrs. Cora Green, and Mrs. Daisy Cave.

Number of active members, 17.

NOTE.—Chapter CC has taken an active interest in the study of P. E. O. work and the constitution, and has made literature its regular course.

CHAPTER CD, LE MARS.

Organized May 3d, 1901, by Mrs. Katherine Boehmler.

Charter members: Mrs. Katherine Moore, Miss Anna Evans, Miss Jean Elsberry, Miss Esther Burns, Mrs. Alice Sammis, Miss Mary Griffin, Miss Gertrude Conner, and Miss Olive Shadle.

Number of active members, 12.

NOTE.—Procured the establishment of a public library by a donation of $10,000 by Mr. Carnegie.

CHAPTER CE, SIBLEY.

Organized August 22d, 1901, by Mrs. Nettie L. Michener.

Charter members: Mrs. Helen Hill, Mrs. Margaret Ellis, Mrs. Alice Shell, Mrs. Minnie Lucas, Mrs. Lula Ladage, Mrs. Mabel Locke, and Miss Belle Chambers.

CHAPTER CF, STATE CENTER.

Organized August 30th, 1901, by Mrs. Nettie L. Michener.

Charter members: Mrs. May Sherman-Allison, Mrs. Marie Tummel, Mrs. Florence Gilbert, Mrs. Myrtle Coe, Mrs. Ollie Ball, Mrs. Mary Dakin, Miss Florence Hyatt, Miss Lulu M. West, and Miss Adella Gibson.

Number of active members, 18.

CHAPTER CG, ELDON.

Organized November 6th, 1901, by Mrs. Nettie L. Michener.

Charter members: Mrs. Carrie Stone, Mrs. Nellie Adams, Mrs. Mary McCrary, Mrs. Ella Weygandt, Mrs. Minnie L. Hilles, Mrs. Addie R. Hilles, Miss Julia R. Hilles, Miss Allie Q. Davis, and Miss Ella W. Davis.

Number of active members, 13.

CHAPTER CH, VILLISCA.

Organized March 8th, 1902, by Mrs. Nettie L. Michener.

Charter members: Effie Woodward, Mary F. Jackson, Mrs. F. L. Ingman, Mary L. Palmer, Jessie K. Jackson, Minnie Lomas, and Carrie F. McNaughton.

CHAPTER CI, CINCINNATI.

Organized March 19th, 1902, by Mrs. Nettie L. Michener.

Charter members: Flo Fawcett, Emma Thompson, Mrs. Minnie Woods, Mrs. Josie Colburn, L. Ortense Kerr, Gertrude Robertson, Jennie Gault, Debbie Gault, and Alice Gault.

Number of active members, 9.

CHAPTER CJ, VALLEY JUNCTION.

Organized April 12th, 1902, by Mrs. Nettie L. Michener and Mrs. Walter Irish.

Charter members: Marie B. English, Anna C. English, Florence A. Crane, Gertrude Binkley, Evelyn Hayes, Daisy E. Binkley, Nellie M. Read, Grace Read, and Mame Ten Eyck.

CHAPTER CK, MT. AYR.

Organized April 23d, 1902, by Mrs. Nettie L. Michener.

Charter members: Marie Hunt, Julia Bailey, Anna Bemis, Flora Shepherd, Ola Todd, Maggie Miles, Fannie Simpson, and Jennie Talley.

CHAPTER CL, OELWEIN.

Organized May 3d, 1902, by Mrs. Walter Irish, President of Iowa Grand Chapter.

Charter members: Vina M. Williams, Mrs. L. B. Moffatt, Mrs. F. S. Graves, Mrs. J. H. Sayle, Mae G. Dolan, Grace E. Jamison, Mrs. H. R. Martin, Jessie V. Millard, Mrs. A. M. Odell, and Mrs. R. I. Robison.

CHAPTER CM, KEOTA.

Organized August 15th, 1902, by Mrs. Huldah E. Reed, State Organizer.

Charter members: Emma F. Plevka, Katie B. Glover, F. Adla Richardson, Clara A. H. Bower, Mary E. Ritchey, Pearl Agnes Ritchey, Molly G. Carris, and Flora Walter.

CHAPTER CN, WILLIAMSBURG.

Organized August 25th, 1902, by Mrs. Huldah E. Reed.

Charter members: Eva L. Jones, Lettie Harrington, Jennie Gardner, Anna E. Lenker, Cora Dill, Effie Murchison, Mary McEachran, Ellen Evans, and Mrs. Lulu Blasier.

CHAPTER CO, CORRECTIONVILLE.

Organized October 28th, 1902, by Mrs. Huldah E. Reed.

Charter members: Orfa Jean Shontz, Nellie M. Allen, Grace Edmunds, Edith Ivey Metcalf, Luella Helen Ferguson, Mrs. Florence Gates-Morris, Mrs. Lillian B. Woodruff, and Mrs. Edna Masters-Robison.

CHAPTER CP, DENISON.

Organized October 27th, 1902, by Mrs. Huldah E. Reed.

Charter members: Mrs. Emily A. Barber, Mrs. Hattie C. Boynton, Mrs. Anna C. Naeve, Mrs. Ida M. Philbrook, Mrs. Jessie S. Pfarr, Miss Margaret King, Miss Agnes King, and Miss Minna Balle.

CHAPTER CQ, CRESCO.

Organized November 20th, 1902, by Mrs. Huldah E. Reed.

Charter members: Miss Florence R. Marshall, Miss Kate C. Reed, Miss Helen L. Chapin, Miss Clara E. Converse, Miss Abbie J. Converse, Miss Mary Louise Hunting, and Miss Gertrude E. Marshall.

CHAPTER CR, M'GREGOR.

Organized January 10th, 1903, by Mrs. Huldah E. Reed.

Charter members: Minnie Kramer, Mabel Bliss, Anna Scott, Iola B. Quigley, Natalie Keiser, Charlotte Koop, Gene Scott, Georgia Quigley, and Grace Scott.

CHAPTER CS, MARION.

Organized March 4th, 1903, by Mrs. Huldah Reed.

Charter members: Louise Kelley, Alice Duffy, Helen Unangst, Minnie Lathrop, Ida McHarz, Mrs. Sarah Kuntz, Mrs. Lulu Fitzgerald, Gertrude Kaye, Etta Muirhead, Norma E. Lake, and Edith Bailey.

CHAPTER CT, NEW LONDON.

Organized March 10th, 1903, by Mrs. Huldah Reed.

Charter members: Mrs. Margaret Brown, Mrs. Alma De Lashmutt, Mrs. Ellen Magers, Mrs. Ellen Parrott, Mrs. Florence Peterson, Mrs. Jessie Hilleary, and Mrs. Emma Blacker.

CHAPTER CU, BEDFORD.

Organized April 3d, 1903, by Mrs. Huldah Reed.

Charter members: Una Lewis, Margaret Dinges, Ida Hebener, Elizabeth Corringan, Armanella Myers, Kathryn Roberts, Eva McCloud, Victoria Faith, and Clide O. Fisher.

CHAPTER CV, CORNING.

Organized April 4th, 1903, by Mrs. Huldah Reed.

Charter members: Eda Turner, Mrs. Edith S. Morris, Estelle Okey, Alice Turner, Mrs. Lucie M. Jones, Cora A. Hill, Lucretia Junkin, Mrs. Anna La Rue, Lenore Okey, Mrs. Harriet C. Towner, and Clara C. Shaw.

CHAPTER CW, HARTLEY.

Organized May 1st, 1903, by Mrs. Huldah Reed.

Charter members: Tibbie Rich, Ginx Rich, Mary Mitchell, Margaret Mitchell, Alta McAndrew, May Westfall, Jessie Elright, Winnie Smith, Adah Miller, and Nellie I. Patch.

CHAPTER CX, COLUMBUS JUNCTION.

Organized May 5th, 1903, by Mrs. Huldah Reed.

Charter members: Clara Whitmore, Lois Hatfield, Florence Letts, Lottie Letts, Nellie Overholt, Nannie Huston, Elizabeth Owen, and Effie Kelley.

CHAPTER CY, CHARLES CITY.

Organized May 30th, 1903, by Mrs. Delle Glazier.

Charter members: L. Viola Waller, Fannie Wilson, Clara Daley, Mrs. I. N. Snyder, Marcia Greenless, Alberta Beek, Mrs. Clara Gardner, Mrs. Randa Merckel, Mrs. Dora Dick, Mary Burr, and Ethel Waller.

NOTE.—This is the one hundredth Chapter in Iowa.

Nebraska Statistical Table of Chapters.

CHAPTER A, YORK.

Organized February 14th, 1885, by Lily Smith.

Charter members: Ella Davis, Carrie Gandy, Lena Knott, Rose Dobbs, Clem Wilde, Emma Davis, Carrie Smith, and Lily Smith.

Lost by death: Carrie Gandy-Eubank and Alice Pope.

Number of active members, 35.

NOTES.—Miss Carrie Smith was the first delegate from Nebraska to attend a Grand Chapter convention, being sent from York to represent them in the convention at Washington, Iowa, soon after their organization. In the seventeen years of this Chapter's existence one hundred and fifteen have been initiated.

CHAPTER B, FAIRFIELD (ORIGINALLY V).

Organized March 31st, 1885. Surrendered charter March, 1893.

Charter members: Jessie Ferguson, Bessie McDonald, Fannie Mason, Mary Mitchell, Maie Randall, Kittie Pearson, and Ella Spencer.

CHAPTER C, NORFOLK (ORIGINALLY K).

Organized September 27th, 1887. Surrendered charter May, 1892.

Charter members: Margaret Burrows, Mrs. Dora Budenz, Mrs. J. S. McClary, Mrs. J. M. Collamer, Mrs. Winnie Durland, Miss Josie Durland, Miss Etta Durland, and Mrs. H. J. Mason.

CHAPTER D, SUPERIOR.

Organized April 10th, 1889, by Miss Randall, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Charter members: Mrs. Mary P. Bloom, Mrs. Ophelia S. Johnston, Mrs. Valeria Ann Padden, Mrs. May Belle Ebert, Mrs. Carrie McGrew, Mrs. Alice Carey-Briggs, Dora Spurr, and Kate Meek Scoular.

Lost by death: Mrs. Thalia Hunter, Mrs. Emily Lee, and Mrs. Ella Cooper.

Number of active members, 20.

NOTE.—Chapter D has seen one of her charter members called to fill the highest seat of honor in our Sisterhood—that of Supreme President, which office was held by Mrs. Alice Carey-Briggs.

CHAPTER E, OMAHA.

Organized June 1st, 1889, by Miss Clara Mason, of Burlington, Iowa.

Charter members: Mrs. Jennie Holtzinger-Bryant, Miss Clara Mason, Miss Sadie Pitman, Miss Mary Fitch, Miss Lillie Chamberlain, and Mrs. Regina Atwater.

Lost by death: Mrs. Ella Allen.

Number of active members, 25.

NOTES.—Chapter E took the initiative in the organization of the Nebraska Grand Chapter, which was organized at the home of one of her charter members, Mrs. Bryant. This Chapter was also the means of securing the P. E. O. rooms at the Trans-Mississippi Exposition, where the names of P. E. O.'s were registered from almost every state in the Union.

CHAPTER F, PLATTSMOUTH.

Organized September 7th, 1889, by Miss Clara Mason, of Omaha, Neb.

Charter members: Mrs. Mary Houseworth, Mrs. Jennie Windham, Mrs. Ola Campbell, Mrs. Edna Young, Mrs. Ellen Patterson, Mrs. Margaret Dovey, Miss Minnie Houseworth, and Miss Dora Herold.

Lost by death: Mrs. Ellen Patterson, Mrs. Jennie Windham, Mrs. Minnie Houseworth-Cranmer, Mrs. Grace Patterson, and Miss Lulu Burgess.

Number of active members, 37.

NOTES.—Chapter F was represented by two delegates at the meeting for the organization of Nebraska Grand Chapter. This Chapter presented to the public library of Plattsmouth the volumes which formed the beginning of the reference library.

CHAPTER G, HASTINGS.

Organized October 2d, 1889, by Mrs. Kittie Dutton, of Centerville, Iowa, and Miss Helen Officer, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

Charter members: Flora Pearl, Lillie C. Main, Grace B. Kipp, Florence Lowman, Mollie Campbell, Minnie Thompson, Ada Nowlan, Minnie Ryan, Elizabeth Jones, Minnie Dutton, May Dilley, Laura Dilley, and Carrie Brown.

Lost by death: Miss Minnie Ryan.

Number of active members, 21.

CHAPTER H, HOLDREGE.

Organized December 14th, 1889, by Mrs. Alice Carey-Briggs, Superior, Nebraska.

Charter members: Mrs. Lulu B. Patrick, Mrs. Ida L. Scott, Mrs. Carrie A. McGrew, Mrs. Dora C. McNaul, Mrs. Jettaline Warnick, Miss Alice Sheldon, and Mrs. Ada Breech.

Lost by death: Mrs. Ida Scott, Mrs. Maud Klepinger, Mrs. Ida Palmer, and Miss Florence Richardson.

Number of active members, 37.

NOTES.—Chapter H was the first Chapter in Nebraska to go in sufficient numbers to fill all the offices, in organizing a new Chapter. They organized Chapter N, of Minden, giving the initiation ceremony with a full team of officers. Chapter H was the first Chapter to exemplify the initiatory work while entertaining convention. Mrs. Norberg served the state as Second Vice-President, and prepared the appropriate Scripture responsive readings now used by that body. Chapter H was represented at Omaha when the Nebraska Grand Chapter was organized by one delegate. It has made several donations to the public library in Holdrege.

CHAPTER I, WAHOO.

Organized January 24th, 1890, by Miss Clara Mason, of Omaha, Neb.

Charter members: Nan Alexander, Etta R. Michener, Daisy Reese Sanford, Jennie J. Good, Eutha T. Rupp, Ella Jamison Collins, May Evans Frush, Leila Henderson Bass, and Augusta F. Moore.

Lost by death: Josephine Perky and Leila Henderson Bass.

Number of active members, 29.

NOTE.—Have entertained Nebraska Grand Chapter, and been honored by state offices since 1891, with the exception of the years 1895-6.

CHAPTER J, NELSON.

Organized September 1st, 1891, by Miss Baumbach, now Mrs. L. Dora Jones, of Superior, Nebraska.

Charter members: Mrs. Clara West (Clara Crawford), Miss Celia A. Gorby, Mrs. Alberta C. Fox, Mrs. Lena Jamison (Lena Moon), Mrs. Mary J. Lyon, Mrs. Jennie M. Voigt, and Mrs. Lillian Smith.

Number of active members, 21.

NOTE.—From the charter members of Chapter J two state Presidents have been chosen, Mrs. Clara West and Mrs. Alberta C. Fox.

CHAPTER K, LINCOLN.

Organized March 28th, 1893, by Mrs. Clara A. Crawford-West.

Charter members: Mrs. Clara Crawford-West, Mrs. Mollie Shepherd, Mrs. Annie Risser, Mrs. Ida Gilkerson, Mrs. Mary E. McKinnon, Mrs. Estelle J. Devore, Miss Joanna Van Boskirk, Mrs. Mary Johnson-Axtell, and Miss Ida B. Johnson.

Lost by death: Mrs. Carrie Reese.

Number of active members, 36.

Notes.—Chapter K has as one of her charter members the one who originated the use of the star in the initiation ceremony, as adopted by the Supreme Grand Chapter and used throughout the Sisterhood—Ida B. Johnson. Two of the charter members of Chapter K have filled the office of Nebraska State President—Mrs. Clara West and Mrs. Mary Johnson-Axtell.

CHAPTER L, HARVARD.

Organized April 28th, 1893, by Mrs. Lulu B. Patrick.

Charter members: Nellie Weil, Ida E. White, Alice E. Blanchard, Lena E. Campbell, Carrie Budlong, Mary A. O. Hurd, and Alice McBride.

Lost by death: Minnie Johnson and Gertrude Matters.

Number of active members, 45.

CHAPTER M, SOUTH OMAHA.

Organized June 17th, 1893, by Chapter E, Omaha.

Charter members: Mrs. May Corbett-Smith, Mrs. Maggie Pierson-Young, Mrs. Mollie Sipe, Mrs. Anna B. Cressey, Mrs. Lou Householder, Miss Emma McCreary, and Miss Alma Frances.

Lost by death: Mrs. Jennie L. Schrei, February 18th, 1902, at Hammond, Indiana.

Number of active members, 29.

Notes.—Chapter M entertained the Ninth Annual Convention of the Nebraska Grand Chapter. Mrs. Mary Munro and Mrs. Jennie A. Burch, from the ranks of Chapter M, filled the office of President of the Nebraska Grand Chapter.

CHAPTER N, MINDEN.

Organized March 29th, 1895, by Mrs. Lulu B. Patrick, assisted by members from Chapter H, Holdrege.

Charter members: Mrs. Lura Chapin, Mrs. Clara Hague, Mrs. Carrie Hapeman, Mrs. Julia Klinck, Mrs. Carrie McPheely, Mrs. Mary Palmer, Mrs. Hattie Rogers, and Mrs. Aldora Pharr.

Number of active members, 22.

NOTES.—Chapter N proudly chronicles the laurels Mrs. Carrie Hapeman has brought to them by her diligent efforts to be worthy the star she wears. Nebraska has repeatedly honored her by conferring offices on her, and now she graces the Supreme chair. When this highest honor was conferred it was not only a matter of Chapter pride, but also of civic and state pride, and a large reception was given Mrs. Hapeman, in which P. E. O.'s from Holdrege and Hastings joined. Much has been done along literary and social lines in Chapter N, as well as works of mercy.

CHAPTER O, GENEVA.

Organized May 2d, 1895, by Miss Katharine Hartigan, of Hastings, Neb.

Charter members: Mrs. Mary Brereton, Mrs. Luella McKelvey, Mrs. Fannie L. Elmore, Mrs. Hattie M. Edgecombe, Mrs. Adde Sexton, Mrs. Blanche Stewart, and Miss Mattie Cox.

Number of active members, 26.

NOTE.—Chapter O entertained the Nebraska Grand Chapter in 1902.

CHAPTER P, BLOOMINGTON.

Organized November 30th, 1895, by Mrs. Carrie McNaughton.

Charter members: Dr. Ella Sumner, Mrs. J. P. A. Black, Mrs. Margaret McGrew, Mrs. J. B. McGrew, Miss Rose Owens, Miss Tilla McClelland, and Mrs. M. R. Patterson.

Number of active members, 15.

CHAPTER Q, WYMORE.

Organized May 28th, 1898, by Mrs. Clara A. West.

Charter members: Laurie M. L. Vance, Ada C. Hargrave, Elizabeth H. Rogers, Lillian E. Sage, Harriet C. L. Vance, Sara D. Reuling, and Etta Whitmer.

Number of active members, 35.

CHAPTER R, CRETE.

Organized September 9th, 1898, by Mrs. Clara West.

Charter members: Emma E. Morris, Mary E. Hollingshead, Grace B. Vance, Leona W. Hopkins, Maude Hawk, Mae G. Stelle, and Fannie B. Stelle.

Surrendered its charter June, 1899.

CHAPTER S, BROKEN BOW.

Organized April 4th, 1899, by Mrs. Kate M. Barbour, of Harvard.

Charter members: Nellie N. Humphrey, Carrie M. Willing, Julia D. C. Wilson, Nannie E. Robertson, Martha A. Hunter, Della Adamson, Mary Beale, Caroline Salisbury, and Nannie Alexander.

Number of active members, 21.

CHAPTER T, CLAY CENTER.

Organized March 19th, 1899, by Mrs. Kate M. Barbour, of Harvard.

Charter members: Mrs. Gertrude Spanogle, Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, Mrs. Nettie Gardiner, Mrs. Hattie Churchill, Mrs. Elizabeth Clark, Mrs. Eva Barnett, Miss Lillian Campbell, Miss Josephine Noble, Miss Jennie Harris, and Miss Harriet Moulton.

Number of active members, 15.

CHAPTER U, BUTTE.

Organized June 25th, 1900, by Mrs. Jennie A. Burch, South Omaha.

Charter members: Mrs. Emma Meholin, Mrs. Emma A. Warner, Mrs. Hattie L. Maxam, Mrs. Clara Spores, Mrs. Fannie Goble, and Miss Minnie Burson.

Number of active members, 9.

CHAPTER V, UNIVERSITY PLACE.

Organized November 16th, 1900, by Mrs. Burch.

Charter members: Stella O'Neal, Julia Greene, Ruby Lovejoy, Ella Hursey, Mrs. W. E. Kirk, Marie Fordyce, Blanche Alabaster, Sarah N. Hall, Alice Shepard, Etta Brooks, Alma Le Heu, Ina Le Heu, and Abbie C. Burns.

Number of active members, 17.

CHAPTER W, BLUE HILL.

Organized April 18th, 1901, by Mrs. Jennie A. Burch, of South Omaha.

Charter members: Mrs. Hattie V. Whitten, Mrs. Maude Pope, Mrs. Maude Bever, Mrs. Stephanie Martin, Mrs. Letha Frahm, Mrs. Mame Garrison, Mrs. Lena E. Walters, and Mrs. Josie R. Draper.

Number of active members, 11.

CHAPTER X, M'COOK.

Organized November 20th, 1901, by Mrs. Jennie A. Burch, of South Omaha.

Charter members: Mrs. Anna C. Schobel, Mrs. Nell Stockton-Ebert, Mrs. Ida E. White, Miss Elizabeth Thomson, Miss Celia A. Gorby, Miss Ella Leonard, Miss Mabel Wilcox, and Mrs. Harriet E. Willetts.

Number of active members, 11.

CHAPTER Y, RED CLOUD.

Organized January 10th, 1902, by Mrs. Jennie A. Burch, of South Omaha.

Charter members: Mrs. E. Grace Tait, Miss Grace Stonebreaker, Miss Gertrude Coon, Miss Lois Pope, Miss Florence Cotting, Miss Jessica V. Cather, Miss Jessie Ducker, and Miss Jessie Kellogg.

Number of active members, 12.

CHAPTER Z, BEATRICE.

Organized March 7th, 1902, by Mrs. Jennie A. Burch, of South Omaha.

Charter members: Laura Wemple, Elizabeth Kidd, Helen M. Drake, Floretta Q. Beeson, Lillian E. Sage, Carrie E. Hardin, Mattie B. Quein, Flora E. Bradley, Minnie Davis, Josephine Gilliland, and Lulu Beeler.

Number of active members, 12.

CHAPTER AA, EDGAR.

Organized March 3d, 1902, by Jennie A. Burch, of South Omaha.

Charter members: Jessie R. Coons, Viola Kirk, Lucy E. Lenfest, Emma Donahoo-Taylor, Lottie McNally, Amelia Oshy, and Pearl Christy Hill.

Number of active members, 9.

CHAPTER AB, CENTRAL CITY.

Organized March 20th, 1902, by Mrs. Jennie A. Burch of South Omaha.

Charter members: Daisy D. Nettleton, Marian E. Hurd, Mary S. Bissell, Olive M. Ayers, Bettie J. Webster, Addie E. Schiller, Margaret Anderson, Florence B. Thompson, Alice J. King, Grace M. Yungblut, Ada E. Tyndale, and Helen A. Burgess.

Number of active members, 14.

CHAPTER AC, AURORA.

Organized April 15th, 1902, by Mrs. Jennie A. Burch, of South Omaha.

Charter members: Mrs. Carrie M. Peterson, Mrs. Margaret Bell, Mrs. Julia B. Hainer, Mrs. Jean Shuman, Mrs. Sarah E. Hart, Miss Maud Beamer, Miss Nellie Moore, Miss Eleanor Rodgers, Mrs. Alice M. Green, and Mrs. Eloise Alden.

Number of active members, 10.

CHAPTER AD, SEWARD.

Organized April 15th, 1902, by Mrs. Jennie A. Burch, of South Omaha.

Charter members: Gertrude Kerrihard, Grace Stewart, Grace Barrett, Mayme Anderson, Gay Palmer, Alice White, Nelle Davis, Edna Ruby, Annie Clark, Addie Walker, Della Smith, Edith Slonecker, Edythe Williams, and Minnie Atkins.

Number of active members, 14.

CHAPTER AE, HEBRON.

Organized April 25th, 1903, by Mrs. H. Grace Thomas.

Charter members: Lana Bozarth, Estella Bothwell, Maud Hayes, Belle Hill, Laura Mitchell, Edith Rafter, and Mary Shepherd.

CHAPTER AF, OXFORD.

Organized April 27th, 1903, by Mrs. H. Grace Thomas.

Charter members: Linna Cone, Florence Hamilton, Harriet Humphrey, Kate Hooper, Meta Mackprang, Ella Lee, Emma Tomlinson, and Addie Young.

Statistical Table of Missouri Chapters.

CHAPTER A, UNIONVILLE.

Organized May 8th, 1886, by Miss Josie Tissue.

Charter members: Miss Nora Brasfield, Miss Etta Marshall, Miss Rexie Hart, Miss Nina Shearer, Miss Effie Marshall, Miss Carrie Stille, and Miss Lola Shearer.

Lost by death: Mrs. Laura Harris, Mrs. Hattie Stille, and Mrs. Elizabeth Conger.

Number of active members, 31.

NOTE.—Chapter A was instrumental in organizing the P. E. O. State Grand Chapter of Missouri.

CHAPTER C, MEMPHIS.

Organized August 24th, 1891, by Mrs. Joe Miller, of Chapter I, Keosauqua, Iowa.

Charter members: Miss Mary Patterson, Mrs. J. P. Nesbit, Mrs. Linnie Mount, Mrs. S. M. Smith, Mrs. J. C. Leach, Mrs. A. R. Morgan, Mrs. R. D. Cramer, Mrs. J. B. Donnell, Mrs. Stella Gillespie (Ballow), and Miss Mary Craig.

Lost by death: Mrs. Anna Smoot, Mrs. Alice Miller, Mrs. Amanda Hughes, and Janetta Barnes.

Number of active members, 53.

NOTES.—Chapter C put a memorial window in the Presbyterian church, gave $50 to the Y. M. C. A. rooms, and organized Lancaster Chapter.

CHAPTER E, LANCASTER.

Organized May 4th, 1893, by Mrs. R. D. Cramer and members of Chapter C.

Charter members: Mrs. Harriet Hays, Mrs. Mollie French, Mrs. Allie Jewett, Mrs. Belle French, Mrs. W. M. Roberts, Mrs. Mary W. Barnes, Mrs. Ella Huston, Mrs. Isabella Higbee, and Mrs. Belle Shelton.

Lost by death: Mrs. Elizabeth Barney and Miss Cora Ashford.

Number of active members, 36.

CHAPTER F, KANSAS CITY.

Organized June 13th, 1893, by Miss Ella Goodrell, of Des Moines, Iowa.

Charter members: Miss Olga Campbell, Miss Sadie Hart, Mrs. Nell Stockton-Ebert, Mrs. T. A. Witten, Mrs. Nora George, Mrs. Mignon Hays, and Carrie Teas.

Lost by death: Mrs. T. A. Witten.

Number of active members, 26.

NOTE.—The most notable event in Chapter F's history was the election of Mrs. Mary Lawrence as President of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

CHAPTER G, QUEEN CITY.

Organized March 1st, 1894, by Mrs. R. D. Cramer and members of Lancaster Chapter.

Charter members: Mrs. Mae Graham, Mrs. Eva P. Dysart, Mrs. Sylvia Brasfield, Mrs. Jessie Sweeting, Mrs. Carrie Miller, Mrs. Ada Collison, and Miss Ida Sweeting.

Lost by death: Etta N. Lind.

Number of active members, 19.

NOTES.—Chapter G entertained the State Convention in 1900, and every year since the organization of Missouri Grand Chapter some member of Chapter G has held a Grand Chapter office.

CHAPTER H, MONROE CITY.

Organized May 3d, 1894, by Mrs. Linette Bixler.

Charter members: Mrs. Linette Bixler, Mrs. Emma Brown, Mrs. Maggie Cassidy, Mrs. Della Ashbrook-Evans, Mrs. Dora Hallock, Mrs. Duck Owen, Mrs. Blanche George, and Mrs. Lou Evans-McKee.

Lost by death: Mrs. Maggie Norton and Mrs. Minnie Sullivan.

Number of active members, 45.

CHAPTER K, HOPKINS.

Organized September 11th, 1896, by Mrs. Wooldredge, assisted by Mrs. Kittie Deitrick.

Charter members: Mrs. P. E. Beauchamp, Mrs. Alta Donlin, Miss Ora Fraser, Miss Lou Goodson, Mrs. Mary Martin, Mrs. Ella Wooldredge, Mrs. Jessemaye Wolfers-Donlin, Mrs. Kittie Deitrick, Mrs. Jennie Fraser, Miss Grace Funk, Mrs. Martha Hicks, Mrs. Lizzie Wooldredge, and Miss Gertrude Wolfers.

Lost by death: Mrs. Ada Pangburn-Jackson and Mrs. Martha Hicks.

Number of active members, 23.

NOTE.—Have collected books for a library.

CHAPTER L, MARYVILLE.

Organized August 8th, 1898, by Mrs. Kittie Deitrick.

Charter members: Mrs. Nellie Allender, Mrs. Kate Miller Irwin, Mrs. Emma Anthony-Lippman, Miss Carrie De Lana, Miss Clara Yaple, Mrs. Lillian Moore, Miss Hettie Anthony, Miss Mata De Lana, Miss Emma Yaple, and Mrs. Belle Johnson-Wilson.

Number of active members, 12.

CHAPTER M, SHELBYVILLE.

Organized June 20th, 1900, by Mrs. Dora Hallock.

Charter members: Mrs. Anna Mitchel, Mrs. Leona Gentry, Mrs. Mattie Carter, Mrs. Jessie Dunn, Mrs. Sallie Doyle, Mrs. Marie Damrell, and Mrs. Mayme Richardson.

Lost by death: Miss Edna Perry.

Number of active members, 19.

NOTE.—Mrs. Mary B. Lloyd, wife of Congressman James T. Lloyd, spending her winters in Washington, has aided in establishing a Chapter there.

CHAPTER N, HAMILTON.

Organized November 10th, 1900, by Mrs. Dora Hallock.

Charter members: Mrs. S. P. McLean, Mrs. Bertha Holman, Miss Stella Farabee, Miss Marie T. Austin, Mrs. Alice Hale, Miss Sarah W. Tuttle, and Miss Cora Austin.

Number of active members, 26.

NOTE.—Purchased a piano for high school, and entertained the State Grand Chapter in 1902.

CHAPTER O, ST. LOUIS.

Organized December 6th, 1900, by Emma R. Pratt.

Charter members: Miss Izella Bullow, Mrs. Priscilla W. Carroll, Mrs. Winfred S. Evans, Mrs. Olga M. Iddiols, Mrs. Alice S. Lukens, Mrs. Virginia Melson, Mrs. Clara G. Northrup, Miss Louise Patterson, Mrs. Carrie Teas, Mrs. Frances R. Cooper, Mrs. Eva Perin-Dysart, Mrs. Hattie L. Hays, Mrs. Ida H. Kendrick, Mrs. Emma Morgan, Mrs. Anna Nesbit, Mrs. Eva T. Ogle, Mrs. Helen B. Raines, and Mrs. Emma R. Pratt.

Number of active members, 28.

NOTES.—Has contributed to vacation play grounds; endowed a bed in the Babies' Home; given $50 worth of articles for the babies; sent a box of clothing to a P. E. O.

CHAPTER P, STANBERRY.

Organized January 24th, 1901, by Mrs. Kittie Deitrick.

Charter members: Mrs. Adalene Aleshire, Mrs. Minnie Canby, Miss Mertie Davis, Mrs. Ella Freeman, Mrs. Anna Horn, Mrs. Margaret Brooks, Mrs. Lucy Davis, Mrs. Leota Dice, Mrs. Lewellyn Hall, and Mrs. Nannie Smothers.

Number of active members, 19.

CHAPTER Q, BRAYMER.

Organized February 6th, 1901, by Mrs. Minnie Munger.

Charter members: Lula Nevitt, Anna Dalbey, Fannie S. Waite, Iva Welker, Bell Easterday, Milli P. Hubbird, and Pearl W. Leeper.

Number of active members, 7.

CHAPTER R, LACLEDE.

Organized March 30th, 1901, by Mrs. Dora Hallock.

Charter members: Mrs. Abbie Gould, Miss Louise Burke, Miss Flora Brock, Mrs. Idah Moore, Miss Hattie Wilson, Miss Lenora Hodson, Miss Ella Ong, Miss Emma Gould, and Mrs. H. I. Spence.

Number of active members, 13.

CHAPTER S, LATHROP.

Organized May 20th, 1901, by Mrs. Dora Hallock.

Charter members: Mrs. Georgia Kennerly, Mrs. D. Joy Fagin, Mrs. Mary Y. Forman, Mrs. Sophia Loeb, Mrs. Matilda Cross, Mrs. Cora Rehard, Mrs. Margaret Miller, and Mrs. Minnie Bosworth.

Number of active members, 23.

CHAPTER T, CHILLICOTHE.

Organized May 29th, 1901, by Mrs. Dora Hallock.

Charter members: Mrs. Elizabeth Palmer-Milbank, Miss Minnie A. Nesmith, Mrs. Ellen Campbell, Miss Virginia Grace, Miss Ellen N. Spence, Miss Mary Louise Milbank, Mrs. Dora Loomis, Mrs. Ellen Wales, Miss Anna Hurxthal, and Miss Decimund Minor.

Number of active members, 13.

CHAPTER U, SHELBINA.

Organized September 30th, by Mrs. Dora Hallock.

Charter members: Miss Nona Maupin, Miss Anna Parsons, Mrs. Mayme Richardson, Mrs. Mary Heninger, Miss Jennie Parsons, Mrs. Ida Puckett, and Mrs. Blanche Holmes.

Number of active members, 14.

CHAPTER V, BROWNING.

Organized October 7th, 1901, by Mrs. Dora Hallock.

Charter members: Mrs. Hermia Adams, Mrs. Grace Sloan, Mrs. Laura Kille, Mrs. Gertrude Fields, Mrs. Robert Jenkins, Mrs. Jennie Epperson, and Mrs. Orah Jessee.

Number of active members, 7.

CHAPTER W, BURLINGTON JUNCTION.

Organized March 15th, 1902, by Mrs. Dora Hallock.

Charter members: Alma Carpenter Nicholas, Lida Corken Urban, Anna Crooks, Marie Faust, Alma Crowell Corken, Sadie Null Corken, Amy Barber, and Nellie Corken.

Number of active members, 8.

CHAPTER X, MILAN.

Organized May 1st, 1902, by Mrs. Dora Hallock.

Charter members: Mrs. Eva Witter, Mrs. Mabel Poole, Mrs. Gertrude Reed, Mrs. Bertie Guiles, Mrs. Minnie E. Darr, Miss Pearl McCullough, Mrs. Clara Nelson, Mrs. Annie Winters, Mrs. Lillie Childers, Mrs. Stella Burnham, Miss Bert McCullough, and Miss Nellie G. Lane.

Number of active members, 12.

CHAPTER Z, OREGON.

Organized April 9th, 1903, by Mrs. Sophia McLean.

Charter members: Mrs. Frankie Hinde, Mrs. Minnie Moore, Gertrude S. Bennett, Mrs. Stella Zachman, Mrs. Grace Aiken, Mrs. Betty Stephenson, and Mrs. Edith Bunker.

CHAPTER AA, CLARENCE.

Organized April 11th, 1903, by Mrs. Sophia McLean.

Charter members: Mrs. Edna Lunday, Iva Daniel, Lulu Manuel, Susie Boring, Mabyl Arnett, Zonia Arnett, and Etna Daniel.

CHAPTER AB, CLINTON.

Organized in April, 1903, by Mrs. Sophia McLean.

Charter members: Mrs. Maude Haire, Katie Brede, Bessie Boone, Mrs. Anna Barnett, Florence Haysler, Mrs. Ada Ives, Mrs. Ella Bosserman, and Mrs. Josephine Dockerty.

CHAPTER AC, NEVADA.

Organized April 22d, 1903, by Mrs. Sophia McLean.

Charter members: Mrs. Anna Atkinson, Anna Ingram, Louise Ingram, Mollie Johnson, Mabel Lindlay, Ruby Rinker, Daisie Sowers, and Julia Waters.

Statistical Table of Colorado Chapters.

CHAPTER A, DENVER.

Organized February 17th, 1900, by Mrs. Flora Chester-Herring.

Charter members: Mrs. Clara Miller-Ammon, Mrs. Della F. Coin, Mrs. Lizzie O. Croft, Mrs. Mary Van Eman-Deisher, Mrs. Edna B. Hall, Miss Margaret Hall, Mrs. Georgie Fowler-Hampson, Miss Grace Jones, Miss Mary E. Jones, Miss Irene Davenport, Mrs. Mattie Lyon-Killingsworth, Mrs. Maud Thompson-Morley, Mrs. Bertha Lyon-Reinert, and Miss Mayme Shuler Smith.

Number of active members, 45.

NOTE.—Chapter A has raised funds for Home for Unfortunate Girls.

CHAPTER B, LAS ANIMAS.

Organized June 18th, 1901, by Mrs. Lizzie O. Croft.

Charter members: Miss Virginia V. Butcher, Mrs. Marion Cassady-Woolsey, Miss Lillian J. Peck, Mrs. Etta C. McCauley, Mrs. Franc Pitcher-Leedham, Mrs. Annie James-Preston, Miss Olive A. Murry, Miss Alyne Weil, and Miss Edith Klett.

Number of active members, 8.

CHAPTER C, COLORADO SPRINGS.

Organized November 18th, 1901, by Mrs. Lizzie O. Croft.

Charter members: Mrs. Julia A. Pebbles, Dr. Mary B. Tuttle, Mrs. Laura A. Leech, Mrs. Mary Eva Smith, Miss Harriet Jordan, Miss Carolyn Jordan, and Mrs. Martha J. Tucker.

Number of active members, 31.

CHAPTER D, LAMAR.

Organized December 11th, 1901, by Mrs. Lizzie O. Croft.

Charter members: Mrs. Ida Wilson-Gay, Mrs. Zoa B. Merrill, Mrs. Florence Morehouse-Berry, Mrs. Eliza C. Pike, Mrs. Lulu M. Maxwell, Mrs. Alma L. Fewkes, Mrs. Maud Lee-Stewart, Mrs. Eva Lee-Merrill.

Number of active members, 8.

CHAPTER E, DENVER.

Organized March 3d, 1902, by Mrs. Lizzie O. Croft.

Charter members: Mrs. Emilie Costigan, Miss Maud F. Jones, Miss B. Ida Jones, Miss Cynthia J. Simpson, Mrs. Irene D. McKercher, Mrs. Jennie Dunnaway, Miss Mary Jones, Miss Grace Jones, and Mrs. Lizzie O. Croft.

CHAPTER F, PUEBLO.

Organized April 3d, 1902, by Mrs. Lizzie O. Croft.

Charter members: Mrs. Emma Hendershot, Mrs. Anna L. Robe, Mrs. Blanche Keller, Miss Kate McCleary, Mrs. Clara Meals, Miss Mary McCleary, Mrs. Edna Osborn, and Miss Anna L. Creist.

CHAPTER G, FORT COLLINS.

Organized October 22d, 1902, by Mrs. Lizzie O. Croft.

Charter members: Mrs. Abbie A. Maxfield, Mrs. Pearl K. Griffith, Miss Dorothea K. Beggs, Miss Virginia H. Corbett, Mrs. Jessie Paddock, Mrs. Mildred N. Ball, and Mrs. Georgia S. Aylesworth.

CHAPTER H, BOULDER.

Organized January 5th, 1903, by Mrs. Lizzie O. Croft.

Charter members: Miss Hattie Smith, Miss Viola Lichtenwalter, Miss Marie Alexander, Miss Daisy Allen, Miss Lelia F. Craig, Miss Lucille Moore, and Miss Helen Robinson.

CHAPTER I, GREELEY.

Organized April 18th, 1903, by Mrs. Franc Leedham.

Charter members: Mrs. Ida Stockton, Mrs. Mary B. McCutcheon, Juanita Kendel, Eleanor Phillips, Emma L. Richey, Mrs. Katie Bullock, Mrs. Eleanor Pier, and Mrs. Rebie McKelvey.

CHAPTER J, TRINIDAD.

Organized May 2d, 1903, by Mrs. Franc Leedham.

Charter members: Bessie Blair, Mrs. A. L. Branson, Mrs. D. R. Hindman, Mrs. Norton, Kathryn Stone, Chellie Stevens, Mrs. W. O. Sherman, and Mrs. A. L. Sailor.

Statistical Table of Illinois Chapters.

CHAPTER A, CHICAGO.

Organized January 17th, 1893, by Mrs. Kittie Deitrick.

Charter members: Mrs. Kittie Deitrick, Miss Minnie Osgood, Miss Nellie Osgood, Miss Clara Ellars, Miss Ella Ellars, Miss Eulalia Edwards, Miss Gene Durland, and Mrs. Emma Durland.

Lost by death: Mrs. Louise Mahaffey.

Number of active members, 38.

NOTES.—Have done considerable charitable work, giving each year toward vacation schools, being represented on board of some. Have also made clothes for babies of one year and upward.

CHAPTER B, CLINTON.

Organized December 5th, 1895, by Mrs. Martha Norris.

Charter members: Mrs. H. E. Amsden, Mrs. Lyda Howard, Mrs. M. I. Phares, Mrs. Rilla Bailer, Miss Hattie Freudenstein, Dr. Dora Tyler, Miss Nellie Rundle, and Miss Nellie Magill.

Number of active members, 8.

NOTES.—This Chapter has started a public library, and given it to the city of Clinton. Have also cared for an orphan for some years.

CHAPTER C, VERMONT.

Organized July 14th, 1897, by Mrs. Helen Ballinger.

Charter members: Susanna M. Amrine, Ida Phillips Dickey, Sarah Williamson McFadden, Jessie Chaddock, Mary Louise Woelber, Dr. Elizabeth Cassidy, and Addie Bartholomew Mershon.

Number of active members, 23.

CHAPTER D, CHICAGO.

Organized December 15th, 1899, by Mrs. Kate Boehmler.

Charter members: Mrs. Florence G. Anderson, Mrs. Laura D. Babcock, Mrs. Laura C. Rice, Mrs. Ella N. Tharp, Mrs. Mary B. Tinus, Miss Cora Z. Ogle, Miss Adah Webber, Miss Lila Robinson, and Mrs. Mary P. Bloom.

Lost by death: Mrs. Laura D. Babcock.

Number of active members, 20.

CHAPTER E, MONMOUTH.

Organized December 6th, 1900, by Mrs. Julia N. Robinson.

Charter members: Mrs. Mary S. Evey, Mrs. Clara V. Hardin, Mrs. Mary E. Sykes, Mrs. Evelyn C. Colwell, Mrs. Nellie J. Ewing, Mrs. Caroline B. Hardin, Mrs. Eva S. Diffenbaugh, Mrs. Mary A. Scott, Mrs. Adda L. Morton, Mrs. Juniata Xander, and Mrs. Blanche S. Ross.

Number of active members, 20.

CHAPTER F, QUINCY.

Organized January 4th, 1902, by Mrs. Dora Hallock.

Charter members: Mrs. Anna M. Best, Mrs. F. D. Best, Mrs. Margaret Cassidy, Mrs. Winfrey F. Darby, Mrs. Belle Johnson, Mrs. Maud Sahland, Mrs. Cora E. Stine, Mrs. Amy Timothy, Mrs. Lucy W. Trowbridge, Mrs. Anna T. Williams, and Mrs. Ora A. Stocks.

Number of active members, 11.

NOTE.—The Chapter is interested in raising funds for a home for the nurses while in training at Blessings Hospital, a charitable institution.

CHAPTER G, ALEXIS.

Organized December 30th, 1902, by Mrs. Dora Hallock.

Charter members: Mrs. Ollie M. Tubbs, Miss Lucy Garrett, Miss Effie A. Filler, Miss Pauline E. Tubbs, Mrs. Hanna E. Rogers, Mrs. Grace M. Souster, Miss Martha Gamble, Mrs. Anna C. Bohan, Mrs. Edna E. Morris, and Miss Alena Loveridge.

CHAPTER H, ALEDO.

Organized December 31st, 1902, by Mrs. Dora Hallock.

Charter members: Mrs. Besse Wolff-Watson, Miss Bessie O. Sponsler, Miss Bessie B. Bassett, Mrs. Laura O'Neal-Marquis, Miss Minerva Eshbach, Miss May Black, Miss Edna M. Candor, Miss Pearl Love, Miss Opal Wolff, Miss Rose W. McManus, Mrs. Harriett Cabeen-Sells, and Miss S. Rowena Everett.

CHAPTER I, CHICAGO.

Organized January 16th, 1903, by Mrs. Emma R. Pratt.

Charter members: Mrs. Flora Runyan, Dr. Frances Dickinson, Dr. Effie L. Lobdell, Mrs. Grace R. Parks, Mrs. Julia R. Gordon, Mrs. Caroline L.

Dyson, Mrs. Cora P. Runyan, Mrs. Estella R. Jones, Mrs. Flora H. Campbell, Mrs. Kittie M. Runyan, Mrs. Winnie Jones, Miss Lena Conrads, and Miss Adna F. Pratt.

CHAPTER AH (OLD STYLE), JERSEYVILLE.

Organized August 31st, 1888. Disbanded.

Charter members: Leila Beardslee, Fannie Fulkerson, Harriett Bridges, Josephine Dunsdon, Loula Ware, Sadie Fulkerson, Lula Dunsdon, and Cornelia Powell.

Subordinate to Supreme Grand Chapter.

INDIANA.

CHAPTER A, THORNTOWN.

Organized March 26th, 1886, by Miss Laura Craven.

Charter members: Miss Laura Craven, Miss Lottie Crouch, Miss Luella Masters, Miss Emma Campbell, Miss Clara La Follette, Miss Ollie Welch, and Miss Anna Welch.

Lost by death: Miss Sarah Craven, Mrs. Annie Alford-Young, Miss Louie Young, Miss Maye Harris, Mrs. Lura Cones-Ross, Mrs. Ann Taylor, Mrs. Mollie Brown, Miss Maria Stahl, Mrs. Mary Neal-Weatley, Mrs. Florence Wild, and Mrs. Bertha Moffitt-Graves.

Number of active members, 42.

NOTE.—This Chapter has a hall which has been furnished and decorated by the brothers-in-law, and all meetings and receptions are held in it.

CHAPTER D, KNOX.

Organized September 14th, 1898, by Mrs. Emma R. Pratt.

Charter members: Mrs. Helen Close, Mrs. Kate Bish, Mrs. Edna Deal, Mrs. Mamie Hartzler, Mrs. Ella Musselman, Mrs. Jennie Lundin, Mrs. Rose Garner, Mrs. Olive L. Koffel, Mrs. Adda Peters, and Mrs. Flora Reiss.

Number of active members, 18.

CHAPTER AD, KNIGHTSTOWN.

Organized May 1st, 1888. Disbanded.

Charter members: Emma Byerly, Mrs. Lena Holloway, Mrs. Bell McGraw, Alice Horner, Minetta Furr, Mrs. Jennie Johnson, May Forbes, and Mame Williamson.

CHAPTER AE, LEBANON.

Organized August 31st, 1888. Disbanded.

Charter members: Mrs. Kate Kelsey, Mrs. May Wilson, Mrs. Josie Saltzgaber, Mrs. Mollie Lane, Mrs. Maggie Davis, Mrs. Della Wesner-Van Nuys, and Mrs. Neva Busby.

KANSAS.

CHAPTER A, MEADE.

Organized March 5th, 1888, by Mrs. Lura Cones-Ross.

Charter members: Jennie Mills Steele, May Veatch, Louise Heber Cones, Addie McClurkin, Nettie Turner Otto, Lillian Blood Brown, and Jennie Kessler.

Lost by death: Kate Gorman, Mrs. Louise Seeberger, Mrs. L. M. Brown, Mrs. Lura Cones-Ross, and Mrs. Lizzie Brown.

Number of active members, 12.

CHAPTER B, LA CROSSE.

Organized December 18th, 1891. Disbanded.

Charter members: Mrs. Lizzie O'Neal, Mrs. Grace Semple, Mrs. Jessie Macaulay, Mrs. Mintie Leasure, Mrs. Josie Everest, Mrs. Hattie Powell, and Mrs. Mertie Everest.

CHAPTER C, LYONS.

Organized December 29th, 1891, by Mrs. Lilian Young-Stewart.

Charter members: Mrs. Anna Grimes, Mrs. Amelia Nicholas, Mrs. Anna Solliet Doddridge, Mrs. Anna Jones, Mrs. Sarah Jones, Mrs. Lowry, and Miss Anna Butler.

Lost by death: Mrs. Lowry, Mrs. Laura Conkling, and Miss Anna Butler.

Number of active members, 24.

CHAPTER D, HUTCHINSON.

Organized May 7th, 1894, by Mrs. Lillian Stewart and Mrs. May Sweetzer.

Charter members: Mrs. Martha P. Everest, Mrs. Josie Brooks-Everest, Mrs. Lillian Young-Stewart, Mrs. May French-Sweetzer, Mrs. Ida Fall, Miss Eva Foutran, and Miss Sadie Eastman.

Number of active members, 32.

CHAPTER E, SENECA.

Organized April 25th, 1895, by Mrs. Ebert.

Charter members: Rose Wilson, Jennie M. Fisher, Ida Parsons, Mai Parsons, Etta Norton, Minnie Wohlford, Minnie Hartner, Olive Johnson, Minnie Van Patten, and May E. White.

Number of active members March 1st, 1902, 16.

NOTE.—We have started a subscription to help towards a manual training department in our public schools.

CHAPTER F, PRATT.

Organized July 13th, 1900, by Mrs. Eva Puterbaugh, assisted by Mrs Mabel Axline, of Humeston.

Charter members: Mrs. Mamie Axline-Fay, Mrs. Edith J. Brewster, Mrs. Della Roll, Mrs. M. Kate McMains, Mrs. Nellie M. Jones, Miss Emma Weston, Mrs. Mary F. Allmon, and Mrs. Kate Axline-Ellis.

Lost by death: Mrs. Mary F. Allmon.

NOTE.—Chapter F maintained a rest room for farmers' wives during the summer of 1901. We solicited money from citizens to defray expenses.

CHAPTER G, M'PHERSON.

Organized November 29th, 1902, by Mrs. Dora Hallock.

Charter members: Miss Jeannette Davenport, Miss Mary E. Baird, Miss Mirta Wright, Miss Edith Tull, Miss Belle Baird, Miss Myrta Jones, and Miss Stella Young.

CALIFORNIA.

CHAPTER B, ESCONDIDO.

Organized October 29th, 1890, by Mrs. Stella Carver and Miss Lulu Hill.

Charter members: Miss Mary Oaks, Miss Emma Oaks, Miss Anna Legore, Miss Jessie Legore, Miss Alice Martin, Miss Kate Winans, Miss Kate Dibble, Miss Maggie Chisholm, and Miss Una Brown.

Lost by death: Miss Ida Lowe.

Number of active members, 17.

NOTE.—Have assisted in caring for several poor people. Gave money for purchasing chairs for high school chapel.

CHAPTER C, LOS ANGELES.

Organized August 20th, 1892, by Mrs. Stella Carver, assisted by Mrs. Laura Jordan and Misses Ida and Alice Fiedler, of Ottumwa.

Charter members: Miss Martha Winans, Mrs. Laura Carter, Mrs. Mary Thomas-Driscoll, Mrs. Ruth Judson, Miss Sada Stewart, Miss Emma Ballard, and Miss Celia Smith.

Number of active members, 24.

CHAPTER D, LOS ANGELES.

Organized March 5th, 1895, by members of Chapter C, California.

Charter members: Mrs. Stella W. Carver, Mrs. Carrie W. Wright, Mrs. Mamie W. Frew, Miss Luna Murphy, Miss Sada E. Stewart, Miss Clara E. Mueller, Mrs. Lura Wilde, Miss Eliza Wolfe, Miss Carrie A. Lee, Miss Edith Clark, and Miss Jessie A. McGaw.

Number of active members, 29.

CHAPTER AK, OCEANSIDE.

Organized January 3d, 1888, by Mrs. Stella W. Carver. Disbanded.

Charter members: Mrs. Stella W. Carver, Mrs. Reba Doyle, Minnie Howe, Mrs. Anna Morrill, Mrs. Arabella Reed, Mrs. Minnie Spencer, Mrs. Helen Dickinson, Mrs. India Goetz, Mrs. Florence Maxson, Mrs. Mattie Pishon, Elsie Reed, and Mrs. Maggie Spencer.

WASHINGTON.

CHAPTER A, SEATTLE.

Organized February 22d, 1893, by Mrs. Jennie Simpson-Moore and Mrs. Helen Maxon-Viele.

Charter members: Mrs. Jennie S. Moore, Mrs. Martha F. Steele, Mrs. Helen M. Viele, Mrs. Clara McG. White, Mrs. Clementine H. Wilcox, Mrs. Kate L. Trowbridge, and Mrs. Elizabeth G. Bannard.

Lost by death: Miss Charlotte Rice, Mrs. Minnie B. Stoddard, and Mrs. Jean Lynch-Allen.

Number of active members, 46.

NOTE.—Chapter A supports a poor blind woman.

CHAPTER B, SHELTON.

Organized January 12th, 1897, by Jean Todd Fredson.

Charter members: Jean Todd Fredson, Mollie Snider, Fannie Covill, Bertha Hanson, Winifred Snider, Luella Shelton, Edith Draham, and Emma Tremper.

Lost by death: Bertha Robinson Lee and Myrtle Saeger.

Number of active members, 13.

CHAPTER C, TACOMA.

Organized June 13th, 1898, by Mrs. Hattie L. Eshelman and Mrs. Ida H. Coiner.

Charter members: Mrs. Hattie L. Eshelman, Mrs. Inda H. Tonneson, Mrs. Ida H. Coiner, Mrs. May E. Cushman, Mrs. Belle M. Smith, Miss Margaret Powell, and Mrs. Donna Taylor-Reed.

Number of active members, 26.

NOTE.—The Chapter conducts an industrial school at the Childrens' Home, a charitable institution.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

CHAPTER A, WASHINGTON.

Organized May 29th, 1900, by Mrs. Siddie F. Richards.

Charter members: Iowa Hampson, Fannie M. Roseman, Fannie Holmes, Mrs. Mary E. Wright, Mary Adelia Gage, Helen G. Gage, Bertha Gray, and Edith C. Gray.

Number of active members, 15.

CHAPTER B, WASHINGTON.

Organized May 1st, 1902, by Mrs. Siddie F. Richards.

Charter members: Mrs. Maria W. Hodgkins, Mrs. Elizabeth Fletcher, Mrs. Mira Andrews, Miss L. M. McCoy, Mrs. Jennie Walker, Mrs. Addie M. Buck, Mrs. Mary B. Lloyd, Mrs. Hortense Fuller, Mrs. Hattie B. Reeve, Miss Helen Davis, and Mrs. Virginia J. Swinburne.

CHAPTER E, WASHINGTON.

Organized April 5th, 1887. Disbanded.

Charter members.—Elizabeth C. Bonde, Jennie E. Davis, R. F. Starkweather, Caroline B. Thompson, Alice E. Willoughby, Edith M. Zane, and Miss Griswold.

MICHIGAN.

CHAPTER A, DETROIT.

Organized October 8th, 1890, by Misses Georgie and Olyve Parker.

Charter members: Georgie Parker, Olyve Parker, Ida Palmer, Lillian Millard, Stella Schofield, Florence Alton, and Helen Alton.

Lost by death: Jennie Heywood and Lila Palmer.
Number of active members, 27.

CHAPTER B, DETROIT.

Organized February 20th, 1903, by Mrs. Emma C. Hyatt.

Charter members: Mrs. Maud Burrows, Elizabeth Caldwell, Josephine Caldwell, Caroline Campbell, Mrs. Marie P. Cook, Mrs. Winifred Gordon, Mrs. Emma Cadwallader-Hyatt, Mrs. Caroline Harvey, Mrs. Annie C. King, Nellie Lee, Janie Leighley, Mary Myler, Mrs. Antonia Ranhin, Sallie Sheridan, and Mrs. Hortense Gillett.

Single Chapters in Subordinate List.

CHAPTER A, EUREKA SPRINGS, ARKANSAS.

Organized February 15th, 1892, by Mrs. Jessie Thayer.

Charter members: Mrs. Laura Floyd, Mrs. Ella Shepperd, Miss Katie Belchamber, Miss Edith Melhone, Miss Alice Ketchum, Mrs. Mary Pence, Miss Annie Belchamber, and Mrs. Kate Melone.

Lost by death: Myrtle Saeger and Mary J. Pence.

Number of active members, 12.

CHAPTER A, GREAT FALLS, MONTANA.

Charter members: Mrs. Emma A. Berry, Mrs. Bena Mitchell, Mrs. Juliet Rubottom, Mrs. Margaret B. Demond, Sallie Merrell, Eddie B. Dibble, and Garaphelia Gilchrist.

Disbanded.

CHAPTER A, HIGHLAND, NEW YORK.

Organized March 8th, 1899, by Mrs. Marie Hasbrouck-Pratt.

Charter members: Mrs. Gertie I. Feeter, Mrs. Dora W. Wilklow, Mrs. Martha C. Schantz, Mrs. Marie H. Pratt, Mrs. Etta G. Lane, Mrs. Lillian C. Browne, Mrs. Carrie P. Carpenter, Miss Mary E. Elmore, and Miss Laura M. Tillson.

Number of active members, 12.

CHAPTER A, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

Organized January 13th, 1900, by Miss Minnie Osgood.

Charter members: Mrs. Lillian C. Andrews, Miss Anna E. Buchanan, Miss Elizabeth Clarahan, Mrs. Frances Judson, Miss Margaretta McCleery, Mrs. Georgia Parker-McMahon, Miss Anna E. Sackett, and Mrs. Mamie G. Steiner.

Lost by death: Miss Margaretta McCleery.

Number of active members, 20.

CHAPTER A, MINNEAPOLIS, MINNESOTA.

Organized December 12th, 1901, by Mrs. Julia N. Robinson.

Charter members: Mrs. Mary R. Wilcox, Mrs. Luella L. Waite, Mrs. Dorothea R. Kraft, Mrs. Ella Berry, Miss Mary Mead, Mrs. Minnie D. Tryon,

Miss Clara E. Mead, Mrs. Harriet G. Northfield, Miss Emma M. Richards, Miss Ella D. Mead, Mrs. Estelle B. Waterman, and Mrs. Katherine F. Hughes.

Number of active members, 11.

CHAPTER A, WHITESBORO, TEXAS.

Organized September 4th, 1902, by Mrs. Dora Hallock.

Charter members: Mrs. S. B. Cowell, Mrs. Minnie English, Mrs. Cora Marshall, Miss Rinda R. Delashaw, Mrs. Vallie S. Kennedy, Mrs. P. C. Dabney, Mrs. Josie Bolton, and Mrs. Laura McJunkins.

NOTE.—Are working to establish a public library.

CHAPTER A, NEW CASTLE, PENNSYLVANIA.

Organized September 27th, 1902, by Mrs. Dora Hallock.

Charter members: Miss Kathryne Foulke, Miss Emma V. Harry, Miss Carrie Jeffery, Miss Minnetta Hice, Miss Nora Eighmy, Miss Edna C. Freese, Miss Rhoda Lowe, Miss Bessie Crawford, and Mrs. Emma S. Harry.

Mrs. Emma Cadwallader-Hyatt.

Mrs. Emma Cadwallader-Hyatt, Corresponding Secretary of the Supreme Grand Chapter, is a native of Ohio. When a child her parents removed to a farm near Oskaloosa, Iowa, where "near to nature's heart" a half dozen happy years were spent. For better school advantages they then removed to Oskaloosa. After her education was completed she became a successful teacher in the city schools, finally becoming principal of the Highland school, in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Mrs. Emma Cadwallader-Hyatt.

Mrs. Hyatt became a member of the Sisterhood in 1890, being one of the charter members of Chapter X, of Iowa, of which she was the second President. In 1892 she married Dr. John W. B. Hyatt, of Memphis, Tennessee, and for several years was not directly in touch with P. E. O. On their removal to Detroit, Michigan, she became a member of Chapter A, in which she has held the office of Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary, Vice-President, and President, fulfilling the duties of each faithfully and ably. She was appointed by the Supreme Organizer, Mrs. Hallock, as her proxy to organize Chapter B, Detroit, of which Chapter she became a charter member.

A ready writer, articles both in prose and verse have from time to time appeared in the *Record*, the product of Mrs. Hyatt's facile pen.

Her first connection with Supreme Grand Chapter work came through her unselfish devotion to a P. E. O. sister. Miss Ida L. Palmer, the Supreme Corresponding Secretary, because of her sister's illness, found it impossible to keep up the work of her office. To "lend a helping hand," Mrs. Hyatt relieved her of all this work during those months of sorrow and anxiety. Miss Palmer finding it impossible to attend the Supreme Convention at Newton, Iowa, most generously appointed her "friend in need" as her proxy. The convention endorsed the appointment by electing her as Corresponding Sec-

retary, a position to which she has been twice re-elected, serving from 1897-1903. Upon assuming the office she saw that the records were incomplete, and entirely inadequate to the growing needs of the Sisterhood. With infinite pains, and an untold amount of labor, she has collected the records of the one thousand two hundred members of the subordinate Chapters, and, with the assistance of the State Corresponding Secretaries, the members of the State Grand Chapters—a total of near eight thousand P. E. O.'s. All of these records — initiations, dimits, died, residence, active members — have been entered in large, leather-bound books, especially prepared to preserve complete data of the Sisterhood. A model of neatness and precision, this "labor of love" is a lasting monument to Mrs. Hyatt's fidelity and loyalty to the Sisterhood through six years of faithful and efficient service as Corresponding Secretary of the Supreme Grand Chapter.

Mrs. Emma R. Pratt.

Mrs. Emma Runyan Pratt, Treasurer of the Supreme Grand Chapter, was born at Chicago, Illinois. She was educated in the public and high schools of Chicago, and lived there until 1876, when she removed to Lincoln, Nebraska, with her parents, where she attended the University of Nebraska for two years, returning to Chicago with her parents in 1881. At the age of seventeen she entered the office of her father, and received a business training, and remained in a lawyer's office until she was married to Mr. G. E. M. Pratt, of Chicago, in 1884. She has one daughter, Adna.

In 1889 Mr. and Mrs. Pratt moved to Seattle, Washington, where Mrs. Pratt became an active member of the Ladies' Musical Club, serving as Recording Secretary and Treasurer, until her removal in 1895. In 1894 she became a member of Chapter A, of Seattle, Washington, from which Chapter she received all her enthusiasm, and has worked along these lines ever since. In 1895 they returned to Chicago, and Mrs. Pratt immediately went to work to resurrect Chapter A. She was elected Vice-President in March, 1896, and served until the resignation of Mrs. Alice Briggs, in the same fall, when she was elected President to fill out the unexpired term, and served in that capacity until March, 1900. In 1899 Chapter A, of Chicago, entertained the Supreme

Grand Chapter Convention, and Mrs. Pratt was elected Treasurer at that meeting, which office she was re-elected to in 1891, at Des Moines. She was an active club woman in Chicago, being President of the Social Economic, a director in the Chicago Culture Club, and President of the P. E. O.

Mrs. Emma R. Pratt.

In August, 1900, Mrs. Pratt came to St. Louis, where she has since resided. She organized there a Chapter, which is one of the most flourishing in Missouri, having organized with a membership of eighteen.

In 1898 Mrs. Pratt was appointed by Mrs. Robinson as her proxy, to be inspector of Illinois and Indiana Chapters. She inspected Clinton and Ver-

mont, Illinois, and Thorntown, Indiana, and organized September 14th, 1898, Chapter D, of Knox, Indiana. In 1902 she was appointed by Mrs. Hallock to inspect Chapter A, of Washington, D. C.; at the same time she succeeded in working up Chapter B, of Washington, which was organized by Mrs. Siddie F. Richards, May 1st. January 16th, 1903, she organized Chapter I, of Chicago, Illinois, acting as proxy for Mrs. Hallock. During Mrs. Pratt's term of office as Treasurer, the work has grown so that it requires almost her entire time, as all the supplies are purchased and distributed by her, both to the State and Subordinate Chapters. Mrs. Pratt was appointed by Mrs. Dewey as one of the committee to compile the history, and her branch of the work was that of the subordinate Chapters.

Mrs. Pratt has always been an active worker in the Baptist church; she is also very musical. As may be inferred from her numerous connections with things doing, she is a woman of great energy and ability to accomplish what she tries for. Her business training makes her valuable to the Sisterhood, balancing the impulses of enthusiasm with the wisdom of experienced knowledge. She possesses, also, social qualities and training which give her distinction in the affairs requiring that kind of poise.

The Star Ceremony Originator, Miss Ida B. Johnson.

BY MRS. JULIA M. KLINCK.

The impress of a beautiful mind and heart has been stamped indelibly upon P. E. O. by the gift to our Order of the Star ceremony; so perfectly and clearly conceived, so admirably planned that it has become the favorite form to use the star in initiation with all the Chapters. When the thought of the star in the ceremony came to Miss Johnson's mind, she presented it casually to Mrs. West one day in conversation, who caught up the idea enthusiastically, and asked her to elaborate it; and having great confidence in the ability of Mrs. West to see the beautiful in anything, she acceded to her request and perfected it. With a staff of ladies from Chapter K, of Lincoln, Miss Johnson acting as President, it was exemplified for the first time at the Grand Chapter Convention held at Wahoo, in 1897.

With its first presentation to the P. E. O. public, the star ceremony met with instant and warm approval, and was then and there adopted by the Grand Chapter, and later by the Supreme Grand Chapter at its convention in Chicago. Several efforts had been made by Nebraska Chapters to bring Miss Johnson before the convention, but without success, until June, 1902, when at Geneva a slight sketch of her love labor was given. She was introduced as an honored guest, received with warm applause, and given for the first time the public recognition due her for this most spontaneous and heartsome work.

Miss Ida B. Johnson is, as she says of herself, a "truly Western girl," having been born and reared in Iowa. She was graduated from the Centerville high school, having been made a P. E. O. before her graduation. She was then sent to Hastings College, Nebraska. Afterward, her parents removing to Lincoln, her studies were continued in the State University.

In appearance Miss Johnson is tall and slender. Not, perhaps, striking to the casual observer, but carrying herself with a gentle dignity which commands attention. Her countenance bears the impress of a sweet Christian life. Her demeanor is marked by tactful consideration for others, and there is that in the light of her deep blue eyes which shows a keen relish for the humorous, and upon her lips a grace of speech and a wit that never wounds. In her home Chapter Miss Johnson is one of the indispensables. In her many cares as a teacher of the public schools we find her serving as President, Secretary, Journalist; now entertaining the Chapter in her own home; now presenting a paper which proves her the possessor of a good literary style; now writing for the *Record*, helping in church work, officiating as bridesmaid at a P. E. O. wedding. Only a lay member, but we of Nebraska are proud to enroll her our "Star Girl."

Supplementary History of Nebraska's Nine First Chapters.

YORK.

On the 14th of February, 1885, while the devotees of old St. Valentine were slyly sending their missives of sentiment and nonsense hither and thither, seven girls mysteriously stole away from their companions, and hied themselves to the home of Lily V. Smith, now Mrs. Braucht, of Newkirk, Oklahoma, and were there quietly sworn into strong and lasting bonds of the P. E. O. Sisterhood, by Miss Smith, a member of Chapter A, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, thus declaring their faith in God, unselfish love to each other, with purity of heart and life, a deep abiding sense of justice to all, and with truth as a guiding light, these seven sisters, hand in hand, were pledged to sustain all of the beautiful teachings of our Order, and to stand for good and noble womanhood.

What an excitement took place when those bright stars began to appear, and how numberless the questions asked. The number rapidly increased, and the meetings grew in interest as well. Many good, charitable deeds were done, and some very pleasant social gatherings were given by these sisters.

When the Grand Chapter convened at Washington, Iowa, soon after our organization, this little Chapter was represented by Miss Carrie Smith. During the first year after our organization members of this Chapter organized the Chapter at Fairfield, Nebraska, and assisted in that of Osceola, Iowa. As time sped on changes took place, members left York and new ones came into the Sisterhood. The first P. E. O. to leave the ranks of girlhood was Carrie Wilde, who became Mrs. Wright, of Los Angeles, California. The first little P. E. O. baby to attend the meetings was Helen Wightman, and, of course, the girls all took great interest in Helen. Several years went by, and our number only increased, and all was pleasure and joy; but a sad change came in 1890, when one of our charter members, Mrs. Carrie Gandy Eubank, was called to a higher home, and was brought to York to be laid by the side of her mother. The Chapter was grieved at this loss, and every mark of respect was paid to her memory.

From the little Chapter brought to life February 14th, 1885, there has sprung up one of the largest and most successful P. E. O. Chapters in exist-

ence. Congenial, helpful, and charitable, we stand thirty-five resident members strong. In the seventeen years one hundred and fifteen have been initiated. Various programs were resorted to during these years, but of late years we have been a social rather than a literary Chapter, having given many notable social events which will ever remain in the memory of our members.

FAIRFIELD AND NORFOLK.

The second Chapter organized was at Fairfield, March 31st, 1885, and in March, 1893, their books, papers, and charter were sent to Mrs. Lulu B. Patrick, State President. The third Chapter organized was at Norfolk, and was known as Chapter K, then C. This organization was effected September 27th, 1887, and in May, 1892, they surrendered their charter and disbanded.

SUPERIOR.

The first steps taken towards organizing a Chapter of the Sisterhood at Superior were taken by Mrs. Alice Carey Briggs, who is a sister-in-law of Miss Hattie Briggs, one of the original seven who established the parent P. E. O., hence they of Chapter D were well mothered. The organization was effected by Miss Randall, of Mount Pleasant, at the home of Mrs. J. S. Johnston. Mrs. McGrew served as the first President. The Chapter grew rapidly for a time and flourished, but changes came, and many members moved away, and yet with the true spirit of fraternal love which prevails in the hearts of those who have assumed the vows of P. E. O., those remaining held bravely on, filling up the broken ranks and always maintaining a Chapter and interest in P. E. O. Chapter D has been honored by having one of her charter members, Mrs. Alice Carey Briggs, chosen as President of the Nebraska Grand Chapter, and later seeing her called to fill that highest seat of honor in our Sisterhood, President of the Supreme Grand Chapter; also Mrs. Laura L. Allen, who served as Second Vice-President of the Supreme Grand Chapter.

OMAHA.

The history of Chapter E is the result of the fact that fate (or something else) caused Miss Laura Mason, a teacher in the Burlington schools, to decide to move from the western banks of the beautiful, placid Mississippi river to the western banks of the muddy, turbulent Missouri to become a teacher in the Omaha schools. Fate again led Miss Mason to find a home next door to a lady from the neighboring town of Mt. Pleasant, who immediately recognized the

star, though not a P. E. O. A friendship sprang up between them, which resulted in the organization of Chapter E by Miss Mason at the home of Mrs. Bryant, with seven charter members.

The Chapter decided that social and charitable work was the most needed, as all were already members of one or more literary societies. From past experience we knew the words were true: "The poor ye have always with you," and willing hands and hearts set to work to do the good we could. Many deeds of kindness were shown where sadly needed. The children of the creche were remembered with clothing, candy, nuts, and pop-corn at holiday times. The Old Woman's Home was cheered with clothing and provisions; many a basket has found its way to the home of the destitute filled with the necessaries of life; money has been given the Salvation Army; magazines sent to the jails. Right proudly we wore our star, and not intending its light should be hidden we gave a series of social events, such as parlor lectures, picnics, Kensingtons, and musicals, so that our friends immediately inquired, what is P. E. O.? September 7th, 1889, our Chapter, through Miss Mason, organized a Chapter at Plattsmouth, thus helping to extend the work out into the state. At the annual convention held at Mt. Pleasant, in October, 1889, the division of states into Grand Chapters of their own was the main issue. Mrs. Bryant, the delegate, returned home with the information that states could form a Grand Chapter when a state had nine Chapters.

Our Chapter, through Miss Mason, again organized a Chapter at Wahoo, Nebraska, January 24th, 1890. There now being nine Chapters in the state, Omaha called a meeting of all Nebraska Chapters to meet at the home of Mrs. Bryant for the purpose of organizing Nebraska State Grand Chapter. The nine Chapters all sent delegates. An all day session was held, Mrs. Nannie Torrence, the Supreme President of P. E. O., being present to organize. We thus have the honor of being the first state set aside in a Grand Chapter of our own. Our Chapter, though small, has had high ambitions. We have entertained the Supreme Grand Convention. We also had the pleasure of organizing the South Omaha Chapter. Honors have been ours. The highest offices of the state have been held by our members, and they also have been numbered among the officers of the Supreme Grand Chapter.

PLATTSMOUTH.

In response to an invitation given by Mrs. Mary Mason Houseworth for the afternoon of September 7th, 1889, there assembled at her home eight of her

lady friends, the object of this gathering being the formation of a Chapter of P. E. O. This being several years prior to the establishment of the Nebraska Grand Chapter, and long before the creation of the office of State Organizer, the organization of new Chapters was effected by permission from the Grand Chapter being given to a P. E. O. to form a Chapter when she deemed it prudent. Chapter F was organized by Miss Clara B. Mason, of Chapter E, Omaha. As this was not the first Chapter Miss Mason had organized, she was well at ease in her work, and the charter members of Chapter F often spoke of the impressiveness of the ceremony as presented by her, and the enthusiasm she had, and the amount of true P. E. Oism left with the then little circle. So great was the enthusiasm that at the next meeting, two weeks later, a delegate to the P. E. O. convention to be held in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, early in October, was elected. Mrs. Houseworth represented the infant Chapter at this convention, and returned with much information for the new P. E. O.'s.

The membership of Chapter F has increased until about sixty names appear upon the register. Of this number thirty-five are active resident members, the others having moved from Plattsmouth. Iowa, Illinois, Kansas, Montana, Minnesota, Colorado, Missouri, and other towns in Nebraska have P. E. O.'s who were originally from the Plattsmouth Chapter.

When the Nebraska Grand Chapter was organized, Chapter F was represented by two delegates—Mrs. Houseworth and Miss Lida Patterson (afterwards Pollock), and in 1893 was pleased to entertain this same body in convention. This Chapter has been honored by having some of its members chosen as state officers—Mrs. Ida Wagner serving as Corresponding Secretary, and Mrs. Houseworth as Treasurer. It was also honored by the State Grand Chapter selecting as its Corresponding Secretary for one term our most worthy sister, Mrs. Lillian Parmele, and in 1903 as President.

A portion of the time the literary work of the society has been shared by its friends. A thorough course in German, French, English, and American history and literature was made possible for the lady friends of the society who wished to avail themselves of the privilege. It was at one of the meetings of this P. E. O. history class that the Plattsmouth Woman's Club was organized. In pursuing these literary studies there was found the need of a reference department in our public library, and the result was the presentation to that institution by the Chapter of several volumes, the beginning of a good reference

library. The charitable work of Chapter F has been varied and extensive, much time and money having been spent in administering to the comfort of the unfortunate, and very many are the persons who are still grateful for the attentions shown them by this band of faithful P. E. O. sisters and friends.

HASTINGS.

Chapter AQ was organized October 2d, 1889, at the home of Mrs. Grace B. Kipp, by two Iowa P. E. O.'s—Miss Helen Officer, of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and Kittie Loughridge Dutton, of Chapter I, Centerville, Iowa. It was one of Nebraska's balmy autumn afternoons that this little company gathered with much "fear and trembling" to begin the life of something, they knew not what. As all stood in the little parlor in a half-circle, feeling as if they had been "seeing things at night," they were lumped in, and when the ordeal was over all exclaimed, "What a beautiful ceremony it is; not a bit hard to be a P. E. O." This perhaps sounds crude to our group of efficient officers that preside over us today, but the old-timers enjoyed the change, and the new ones reap the fruit of the labor and struggles of the pioneer. They tried to introduce a little fun at the early initiations, but each time the candidate would exclaim: "What a shame to spoil this pretty ceremony with foolishness." So it was soon dropped entirely, and every effort made to give the ceremony in a dignified, effective manner, until today the ladies that are favored with the privilege of wearing the star are charmed with our beautiful ceremony and our manner of giving it. The first President of Chapter AQ was Kittie L. Dutton, and Miss Libbie Jones was first Recording Secretary. Records do not give names of other officers. The records show at the fourth meeting of this organization that Chapter AQ adopted the by-laws of Chapter I (Centerville, Iowa). This shows how the child follows the mother, and how necessary for the mother to be the ideal. The doings of Chapter I were quoted as authority until we had grown to be quite good parliamentarians ourselves.

That terrible number thirteen represents our charter members. Surely in that early day we had courage to begin life with that fateful number thirteen. All are living except Miss Minnie Ryan, who was called home May 27th, 1894. Chapter AQ sustained a great loss when Miss Ryan passed away. She was a talented, conservative girl, and entertained us many times with her bright sayings and readings. Truly a gem has been lost from our string of pearls, but the messenger comes and plucks the bud and leaves the flower to wither.

Shortly after Chapter AQ was organized we had the pleasure of having Misses Ida and Matie Johnson, from Chapter I, with us for several months. Their experience with P. E. O. work was both profitable and pleasant, and with regret we saw them go to Lincoln Chapter.

The first literary work was the study of the life and works of Helen Hunt Jackson, her home, her poetry, her burial place, so picturesque as it rests under the majestic pine trees of the old Rockies, and the reading of Ramona aloud in the Chapter. We next took up the study of art, and learned to love the old masters as we listened to the word-pictures of their masterpieces. The papers that the ladies prepared at this period (winter of 1890-1891) were quite finished, and would be a credit to women much older in club work.

In 1892 our Chapter letter was changed from AQ to G, when Nebraska was made a State Grand Chapter. Chapter G entertained the State Grand Chapter in May, 1894. She has done charity work when necessary, and her literary work has been all that could be expected from a group of busy mothers and home-makers. Chapter G has gathered about her a coterie of lovely women that will surely make brilliant the pages of P. E. O. history in Nebraska.

HOLDREGE.

In the fall of 1889 Mrs. Ida Langworthy Scott, Mrs. Carrie Anderson McGrew, and Mrs. Lulu Ballard Patrick were spending an afternoon together, when they conceived the idea of filling a much-felt want in the village by organizing a literary club or society. Finally it was decided that it would be far more interesting if it were a secret society. The husbands being Masons, the Eastern Star was fully discussed. The objections to that order for their present needs were numerous, chief of which was the fact that many ladies whom they hoped to associate with them in the society were not eligible to the Eastern Star, and they feared with the regular work of the order they might not have sufficient time for a full literary program, and that distinctly was the principal object and need at that particular time. Another serious objection was the desire to have it composed entirely of the gentler sex. Mrs. Patrick's mother having been born and brought up in Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, the name P. E. O. and the star were very familiar to her, besides having many friends who were members of the society, among whom was Mrs. Effie Hoffman Rogers, President of the Grand Chapter. It was decided that they would correspond with Mrs. Rogers and obtain all of the information possible, and if it seemed to answer their needs to apply for permission to organize in Holdrege. Mrs.

Rogers' prompt reply was very satisfactory, and elicited much enthusiasm, the outcome of which was a request for a charter. On Saturday evening, December 14th, 1889, by request of the President of the Grand Chapter, Mrs. Alice Carey Briggs, of Superior, came to Holdrege and instituted Chapter AR under the old lettering, Chapter H under the new system. The ladies took the obligations at the home of Mrs. Patrick. From the time of organization local dues were 25 cents a month, and initiation $3.00, and assessment $2.00, making $5.00. In 1896 local dues were reduced to 25 cents a quarter. In 1901 they were increased to 50 cents. In 1900 the $2.00 assessment at initiation was discontinued.

It would be difficult to find a more enthusiastic and earnest band of workers that worked together upon all points. They awakened to the fact when listening to the beautiful initiation ceremony that it was of no light or frivolous nature, and the obligations taken were as solemn and as enduring as any vows taken in life. They determined to conduct their initiation with such earnestness and dignity, that all coming into the Chapter would feel that the obligations taken were not a mere matter of form. They soon discovered that initiates seemed to experience a sense of disappointment, even though there was some relief coupled with the feeling that there was not some sport at their expense. This was soon remedied by a second degree (unauthorized) that caused enough merriment for the most fun-loving member. It not only added pleasure, but broke down all stiff barriers, and rendered all well acquainted at once, and this means much in a new community. When the call came for a State Grand Chapter Holdrege P. E. O.'s heartily signed the call, and sent their President to Omaha.

WAHOO.

Chapter I was organized by Miss Clara B. Mason, of Chapter E, Omaha, at the home of Mrs. Ella J. Collins, through the influence of Mrs. Jennie Bryant, of Chapter E. The following members have held state offices: Etta R. Michener, Recording Secretary, one term, 1891-92; Anna Thomas Wycoff, Recording Secretary, one term, 1892-93; Ella J. Collins, Corresponding Secretary, one term, 1893-94; May E. Frush, Treasurer, three terms, 1897-1900; Edith Youngstedt, Corresponding Secretary, two terms, 1900-02. We entertained Grand Chapter Convention in 1897. We have lost two members by death—Josephine Perky, April 13th, 1897, and Leila H. Bass, November, 1898. We have held our meetings in a hall for the last five or six years.

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